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# 400,000 MINERS SET TO STRIKE TODAY

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# 400,000 Miners Walk Out; No Gov't Intervention Seen

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—More than 400,000 United Mine Workers, AFL, formally begin a nationwide strike at midnight tonight, forcing what may be a long and costly shutdown of the soft coal industry.

Mine operators saw almost no possibility of reaching a settlement in less than two weeks of their now deadlocked dispute with UMW president John L. Lewis. They thought more than two weeks would be needed and some feared a prolonged stoppage.

Although most of the mines have been idle since the close of the work week Saturday, the strike was officially set for tonight to coincide with the expiration of the union's wage contract. The miners' traditional slogan is "no contract, no work."

In a few mines, the workers failed to report Saturday but for the most part the shutdown began last night in the big producing states of West Virginia and Pennsylvania and in the soft coal fields of Kentucky, Alabama, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and the West. With a few exceptions the mines will be manned only with maintenance men until a new contract is negotiated.

Government labor officials kept their fingers crossed but showed no

immediate signs of alarm. Their attitude was attributed to the fact that the country has coal stocks sufficient to last four to six weeks.

Early White House intervention appeared unlikely. President Truman returned today from a weekend cruise on the Potomac, and a White House spokesman said he wanted to see the miners and operators settle their dispute themselves. The government has not made plans to follow the wartime policy of seizing struck mines, although such action might be contemplated if reconversion is brought to a stop.

## NO LAST-MINUTE TALKS

There were no last minute efforts today to avert the strike. Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach abandoned hope yesterday after conferences with Lewis and the operators, and the negotiating committees recessed from Saturday until tomorrow afternoon.

Schwellenbach assigned conciliator Paul Fuller, who managed to head off a strike in the rubber industry, to enter the dispute tomorrow as a mediator.

## DRAWING IT OUT

by Aram



# Freeport Group Hits Hempstead Mayor for Ban

Special to the Daily Worker

FREEPORT, L. I., March 31.—Mayor Herbert Hirschell of Hempstead was charged with "flagrant violation of the civil rights of Nassau citizens" today by the Freeport Committee for Justice in the Ferguson Case.

The Committee's statement, was in response to Mayor Hirschell's arbitrary closing of the local Elks Hall when the Committee had scheduled a Conference on Human Rights. They intend to challenge the Mayor's ruling on legal grounds.

Hirschell wrote the committee that he had "confidential information . . . that persons and patriotic groups . . . will attempt to break up the meeting." He red-baited the Committee's work to secure full justice to the Ferguson brothers stating that "communistic elements . . . will create incidents of an inflammatory nature designed to create disorder or worse."

## SCORE RED-BAITING

But the Committee's scored the mayor's red-baiting when it charged that Hirschell was derelict in his duty.

"In his own words," the statement read, "without identifying the groups, he admits that those who oppose the meeting threatened to break up the meeting." The threat of a disturbance came not from the Ferguson Committee but from those who take upon themselves the right to decide what others may or may not discuss."

The Hempstead mayor's real aim is to prevent Governor Dewey's investigation of the Ferguson case, which numerous citizens are increasingly demanding. His major objection to the scheduled conference was that its "around purpose" is "interfering with and superceding the normal and regular processes of laws in this state."

## CHALLENGE DISTORTION

But the committee's statement observed that "everyone knows that the Freeport Citizens' Committee is requesting the appointment of a special investigator by Governor Thomas E. Dewey, a normal, frequent and legal procedure exercised in this state. As a matter of fact, Governor Thomas E. Dewey first made his reputation as a special prosecutor in New York City."

The Hempstead mayor was also answered on his false charge that the Freeport Committee for Justice in the Ferguson Case had a "baneful effect in respect to slum clearance and other matters." The Committee told the mayor that this is a "long standing unsolved issue," and reminded the Mayor that "only property owners were permitted to vote on the referendum on housing" recently defeated in the Freeport elections."

The committee is determined to carry the case to full justice.

"Two of the Ferguson brothers, Joseph and Richard—have been completely cleared of charges of disorderly conduct" the statement said further. "Since all four were together, it is reasonable to assume that Charles and Alphonso, (who were killed by Patrolman Romeika might also be cleared following an investigation of the hearings and facts in the case."

# CIO Demands Harvester Talk

CHICAGO, March 31.—Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach will be asked to call the International Harvester Co. back to Washington to resume negotiations seeking an end to the 10-week strike, the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers (CIO) announced yesterday.

"We have made an offer to the company, and we insist that the company meet us to discuss it," said Grant Oakes, union president.

Oakes was referring to an offer made by the union to return to work if the company would sign an interim agreement providing that agreed-upon issues be placed in effect and previous contracts be reinstated while unsettled issues were referred to an arbitrator for final and binding decision. The company told the newspapers it rejects the proposal.

# 800 Noted Americans Denounce Use of Injunction in Strikes

Use of court injunctions in labor disputes was denounced today by 800 prominent Americans, signers of a statement released by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. Cited particularly were injunctions obtained by the Westinghouse Corporation

against striking members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America—CIO as "the most flagrant example of repudiation of the collective bargaining process." The statement adds:

"Such injunctions make no contribution towards a constructive solution of industrial disputes" but "substitute conflict and illwill for orderly, equitable and established methods of solving labor-management differences that have once been outlawed from the American industrial scene. We cannot now allow the Corporations to revive them through judicial fiat."

Among the 800 signers of the open letter were 243 clergymen, 187 educators, many authors, attorneys, artists, editors, legislators and civic

leaders from 42 states. Signers include: Franklin P. Adams; C. B. Baldwin, executive vice-president of National Citizens' Political Action Committee; Angus Cameron, Editor of Little, Brown & Co.; Col. Evans F. Carlson; Dr. Emmanuel Chapman of the Committee of Catholics for Human Rights; The Very Rev. John Warren Day; Congressman Hugh DeLacy; Rev. Stephen Hole Fritchman; Rabbi F. M. Isserman of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson of Howard University; Rockwell Kent; Carey McWilliams; Prof. F. O. Matthiessen of Harvard University; John P. Peters of Yale University; Paul Robeson; Elie Siegmeister; Arthur B. Spingarn, President

of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Donald Ogden Stewart; Jean Starr Untermeyer; and Leane Zugsmith.

A deliberate program of evasion of the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act, both by corporations and by courts granting injunctions is charged in the statement which warns of "reversion to government by injunction of a bygone day." No basis for injunctions exists, the statement says, pointing out that there has been neither of violence nor damage to company property by striking workers and that maintenance and protection employees have been authorized by the union to pass picket lines in order to protect company plants.

# Clare Luce Het Up on Profit-Sharing

Pressess "Let's All-Be-Capitalists" Resolution

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Rep. Clare Luce (R-Conn) appeared with her retinue before the House Rules Committee last Friday to ask a rule for her resolution which, she says, will save the capitalist system.

She proposes a bill to authorize the House Ways and Means Committee to reopen hearings on profit-sharing.

In case you don't remember, profit-sharing is a system by which the employer gives a percentage—usually a very small percentage—of his profits to his employees.

Back in 1938 a Senate subcommittee headed by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich) held hearings for a few weeks on this subject. He has enthusiastically endorsed Mrs. Luce's proposal to reopen the matter, declaring that "the capitalist system will be safest when all of our citizens are capitalists themselves."

According to Mrs. Luce, wherever profit-sharing has been instituted, "labor troubles" have ended.

And labor favors the plan, she

said. For proof, she cited a pamphlet issued by the Alliance for the Promotion of Profit-Sharing. This organization, she said, is headed by none other than Homer Martin, former international president of the UAW-CIO, in her opinion, a great labor leader.

A Congressman asked Mrs. Luce if profit-sharing wouldn't raise prices. Rep. Howard Smith (D-Va) came quickly to her rescue. No, he said, it would lower prices, because it would be an incentive to produce more.

Rep. Harold Knutson (R-Minn) appeared as a witness in support of Mrs. Luce's bill. He publishes a weekly paper and engages in job printing, he said. As a result of profit-sharing, he has increased his earnings 30 percent with 25 percent less workers.

"Are you sure there isn't a little bit of socialism in it?" asked Gene Cox (D-Ga).

"Just the opposite," replied Knutson. "It would stop the constant trend leftward."

Rep. Clarence Brown (R-Ohio) spoke up to say that he was for it, and no one would ever accuse him of being even slightly tinged with socialism. Knutson added that it was the only way "to stop the radical movement in this country."

Rep. Bayard Clark (D-NC) was becoming confused. If this thing was socialism, or even progressive, he couldn't understand its warm support from Brown, Knutson, Luce and Howard Smith. And if it was helpful to business, why didn't business adopt it without any investigation or laws from Congress?

"I'll answer that," said Rep. Michener (R-Mich). "It hasn't been adopted by business because collective bargaining stands in the way."

The discussion was interrupted by the ringing of a bell which announced a vote on the Lea (anti-Petrillo) bill was to take place. Most of the Rules Committee figured nothing could be more important than being on the spot to take another sock at labor.

# Snyder Tackles Vet School Snag

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—Reconversion Director John W. Snyder tonight directed seven federal agencies to tackle the veterans education problem caused by teacher, equipment and housing shortages.

Agencies concerned are the Veterans' Administration, the Reemployment and Retraining Administration and U. S. Employment Service of the Labor Department, Selective Service, Office of Education, Public Housing Authority and Civilian Production Administration.

Snyder said he will meet with officials of these agencies this week "to discuss the acute shortage of teachers, equipment and housing that may seriously limit the number of veterans returning to college, and prevent many non-veterans from entering school."

He simultaneously released a "pilot survey" of the effect the federal veterans' education program will have on California educational institutions this fall.

# WFTU Plans World May Day, Draft Call

PARIS, March 31.—The World Federation of Trade Unions plans a world May Day celebration this year designed to "develop on a much larger scale the time-honored labor tradition." WFTU General Secretary Louis Sallant told Allied Labor News today.

A manifesto he is drafting to submit to the WFTU executive bureau will call upon world labor to demonstrate its constructive will for peace and to block the dangers threatening freedom-loving peoples.



## Soviet Union Pays Full Quota to UNO Fund

By United Press

The Soviet Union expressed its confidence in the United Nations tonight by paying in full its \$1,723,000 contribution to UNO's \$25,000,000 working capital fund.

The Soviet Union became the first of the Big Five to make its full contribution for the work of the organization.

Announcement of Russia's payment was made by UNO Secretary Kofi General Trygve Lie's office. It released the text of a cable dated yesterday and received today from Soviet Vice Commissioner of Foreign Affairs Andrei I. Vishinsky. It said:

"On instructions of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, I have the honor to inform your excellency that the Soviet Union's contribution to the working capital fund of the organization, \$1,723,000 has been transferred on 31st March by the State Bank of USSR to the ac-

count of United Nations Organization in the Federal Reserve Bank, N. Y."

The cable was sent on March 30—the day after the Security Council again rebuffed the Soviet Union by proceeding with the Iranian case.

Only six other nations have made contributions to UNO's working capital fund. And none of the other big powers have contributed their full amount.

The United States has contributed \$500,000 of its \$6,153,000 share; Britain, \$300,000 of its \$3,692,750; China \$200,000 of its \$1,600,000; Belgium, the Netherlands and Norway have contributed their full assessments; Belgium \$332,750; Netherlands \$357,000, Norway \$169,000.

## Pravda Nails Bloc In UNO-Iran Crisis

MOSCOW, March 31 (UP).—The official government newspaper Pravda reported today on Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko's walkout from the United Nations meeting in New York last Wednesday. The account in the main recapitulated Gromyko's arguments before he left the Council.

It made no attempt to engage in acrimonious debate, but did contain several bitter references to the Anglo-American stand on the Iranian question. After summarizing Gromyko's po-

sition, Pravda's international reviewer wrote:

"However strange it may seem, members of the Security Council took a more irreconcilable position in this problem than Iranian Premier (Ahmad Ghavam) Es-Sultaneh. . . . We must state that the Iranian problem was artificially made into a stumbling block against the successful and fruitful work of the Security Council.

Pravda's reviewer informed Russian readers that Gromyko's suggestions to remove the Iranian question from the Security Council's agenda and to postpone all discussion were "resisted by the United States and Britain."

"Stalin's letter to the Associated Press on the eve of the Security Council meeting cut the ground from under people who have been saying that the Soviet Union didn't want to cooperate with the United Nations Organization," the reviewer said.

## Soviet Troops Seen Evacuating Iran

TEHRAN, March 31 (UP).—Airplane surveys from Kasvin to the southern shore of the Caspian Sea today indicated continued Red Army troop evacuation movements toward Port Fablevi, where three transports were observed.

Informed British and Iranian circles here believe there is an "understanding" between the USSR and Iran—not a written agreement—that Iranian troops will not be sent into Azerbaijan in the wake of evacuating Soviet forces.

# UNO Council Spends 'Iffy' Weekend

With only two days left before the Security Council reconvenes at Hunter College gymnasium Wednesday, morning, the main topic of weekend conversation centered on what the Soviet Union would reply to the Byrnes ultimatum, and what the Council, under Byrnes, the American whip, might do.

The Council is scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday. By that time, both the Iranian government and the Soviet Union are supposed to oblige the American-dominated body by specifying the exact status of current negotiations.

The Soviet position, on the basis of which Ambassador Andrei A. Gromyko withdrew from the proceedings on Wednesday, was that it would not be prepared to discuss the substance of the Iran case until April 10.

Yesterday's reports, based on newspapermen's attempts to interview Gromyko, brought nothing concrete except the obvious fact that the Ambassador is in touch with his government.

United Press was no wiser than anybody else last night on the prospects for Wednesday's meeting, except to report that the French delegation, headed by Ambassador Henri Bonnet, was pessimistic and foresaw a prolonged deadlock.

The French were cited as feeling that, even if the USSR replies by Wednesday morning, it will not be prepared to discuss the question in essence until April 10.

United Press professed to find the American delegation "optimistic." Secretary Byrnes was expected to discuss the deadlock with President Truman upon the latter's return from the usual Potomac River yachting cruise. Truman touched

## 'Daily' Back to 16 Pages Tuesday; Those Who Sent Funds—'Thanks'

Tomorrow we resume the special 16-page edition to give full coverage to the international crisis and the UNO Council meeting. Due to technical difficulties, we are publishing only 12 pages on Mondays.

Meanwhile, we welcome financial contributions to keep up the 16 pages. And we urge all our readers to help get new readers for the Daily Worker.

shore at 12:30 p.m. yesterday afternoon. Presumably, said UP, the new Ambassador to Moscow, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, was discussing the problem with Soviet leaders this week-end.

Having gotten the Council to accept the 96-hour ultimatum, Mr. Byrnes is now in a position to press for further provocative actions against the Soviet Union, if he judges whatever reply comes (if there is one) to be unsatisfactory.

As matters stand in the Council, the Netherlands, Mexican and Egyptian delegations have shown themselves to be complete stooges of the Anglo-American bloc. Together with the British and American votes, that accounts for five out of ten of the delegates now attending.

It would not be too difficult, observers believe, to get one or two of the French, Chinese and Brazilian delegates to vote on practically

anything Byrnes desires.

Thus, in the absence of an American-Soviet understanding, the Council does not become more "democratic" or anything closer to a true international organization. It simply becomes a bloc of votes for the United States.

At bottom, the Soviet position on Iran is a reflection of its fundamental insistence that the UNO will function effectively only on the basis of a Big Three understanding and a readiness of the Western powers to treat the USSR as an equal.

## Upstate CIO Vet Head To Attend Peace Meet

SCHENECTADY, March 31.—Robert Northrop, head of the Capitol District CIO Council Veterans' Committee, will represent the Council at the Washington Peace Mobilization April 5, it was learned here today.

## Iran Cabinet Split on UNO Issue

TEHERAN, March 31 (UP).—Iranian Premier Ahmad Ghavam Es-Sultaneh's cabinet is drafting its reply to the United Nations Security Council under difficulties raised by a secret internal battle over Ambassador Hussein Ala's presentation of Iran's case, it was

government spokesman Prince Mozaffar Firouz, who is becoming an increasingly powerful political figure, indicated that he is opposed to Ala's presentation.

Ghavam, however, while supporting his ambassador, would have preferred a less extensive presentation.

Political circles believe that the

appointment of Hamid Sayah as minister plenipotentiary to Moscow may mean that new negotiations will start quietly in Moscow.

Sayah, a former communications minister in the Iranian cabinet, went to Moscow with Ghavam and attended most of the negotiations there.

# Acheson Plan Keeps Bomb Control in U. S.

By ROBERT F. HALL

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The more one studies the Acheson plan for international control of atomic energy, the more one is driven to the conclusion that it aims, not at international control, but at control by the United States.

For all of its complicated scientific terms, the plan is simple. Its main provisions can be summed up briefly:

1. Complete control, probably ownership, over all deposits of uranium and thorium, by an international authority, the Atomic Development Authority, to be set up by UNO. This body shall have sole rights to prospect for and mine these two elements.

2. Sole authority to manufacture uranium or thorium into fissionable material (from which atomic energy is produced) is vested in the ADA.

3. The ADA shall distribute the resulting fissionable material to nations, scientific foundations and private individuals for the development of power and for medical and industrial uses.

4. The ADA shall license the users of fissionable material and will have the right to send inspectors to their workings at any time, in any country.

5. Before its distribution for peaceful purposes, uranium and thorium shall be denatured so that it may not be usable for explosives.

### BOMB KEPT SECRET

Acheson stressed that the plan does not require the U.S. to divulge the technological "secrets" of bomb making. Nor is the U.S. required to cease the manufacture of bombs nor to get rid of the huge stockpile of atom-bombs it now has.

It was implied, however, that the secrets are a temporary affair at best. In fact, Acheson discounted the matter of the possession of a few secrets by his explanation of America's pre-eminence in this field to four facts:

We have gone further in pure science.

We have greater knowledge of technical methods.

We have access to the necessary raw materials.

We are the greatest industrial nation in the world.

Although no country was named, it was accepted by the reporters present that the USSR was constantly in the mind of the committee in drafting the plan.

The implication of Acheson's remarks, therefore, was that if the USSR continues to progress industrially and scientifically, she will have the so-called secrets regardless of what the U.S. does.

### THE REAL AIMS

These are some of the facts which suggest that the Acheson plan has for its real aims the following:

1. To be able to ascertain at all stages what progress the USSR and other countries are making in atomic research.

2. To hamper that progress wherever possible.

The Acheson committee is very scornful of proposals for an agreement among nations to outlaw the use of atom-bombs in war. On the face of it, this looks like realistic thinking. But it is significant that the nation which rejects such an agreement is precisely that nation, the USA, which has the only atom-bombs in the world.

In other words, suppose Cuba or France or Indonesia said: "We don't want to rely merely on agreements to outlaw the use of this weapon. We want guarantees." One would agree that this cynicism as to the words of great imperialist powers was justified. But when the USA, the most powerful nation in the world, expresses an unwillingness to enter such an agreement, with or without guarantees, this is something to ponder.

Thus, while the cooperating nations labor to establish an international authority to control atomic energy, the U.S. hovers in the background with its arms full of atom-bombs.

The U.S. is required to divulge nothing. But meanwhile the agents of the international body are scurrying around the world, prospecting for uranium and thorium. If there are any deposits in France or the Soviet Union or Bulgaria, the U.S. will learn of it quickly. International experts, including U.S. officers, will be on the spot. While the U.S. retains her secrets, no other country will have any secret safe from the U.S.

It has been said that the real reason the U.S. would like to keep atomic knowledge from the USSR is its fear of what will happen industrially and scientifically when socialism and atomic energy mix. Without the restraints of the capitalist system, the Soviet Union would be able to carry atomic science further and faster than any capitalist power.

Under the Acheson plan, the capitalist powers will be in a position to learn precisely what industrial and medical discoveries the socialist scientists have made. This may not be a disadvantage to the world, and there is no reason to believe that Soviet scientists would wish to keep from all humanity the fruits of their work. The danger, however, is that under the licensing system proposed by the Acheson committee, the ADA would be able to dictate how fissionable material is used. Conceivably, they might discourage its use, on one pretext or another, in new industrial methods which would tend to make capitalist industrial methods obsolete.

Obviously, the controls which the Acheson committee have proposed do not constitute conditions for free and unfettered scientific research. They can be as narrow, confining and stifling as the Army controls against which the scientists have protested.

The contradiction lies in the fact that the USA continues to regard atomic energy primarily as a weapon, and continues to regard the USSR as a hostile power. From this flows the continued emphasis on secrecy and on cramping controls.



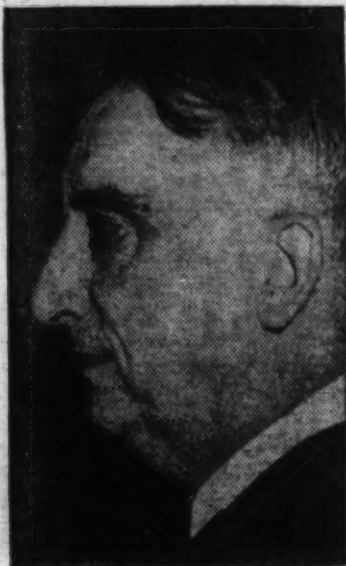
# UE Asks Vinson Withhold Westinghouse Tax Rebates Charge Hypocrisy In Iran 'Probe'

Leaders of 75,00 striking Westinghouse Electrical Corp. employees yesterday called on the U. S. Treasury to withhold the company's excess profits tax refunds.

The company is prolonging the 75-day old strike in its plants and using money in tax rebates to finance its efforts toward

wage cutting, Julius Emspack, general secretary-treasurer of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, charged.

He told Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson that the company is guaranteed a kickback in tax rebates of \$9,750,000 even if it loses \$10,000,000 during 1946. Westinghouse intends to use taxpayers' funds in an effort to "advance its own competitive position in the



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electrical industry at the expense of its employees, their families and communities," the union leader declared.

## LISTS EIGHT CHARGES

Emspack listed eight charges against Westinghouse which he said require "fullest government investigation and condemnation."

Among these were:

- The company has "callously defied" government efforts at strike settlement. Mediators, appointed by the government, withdrew, reporting publicly that management's attitude "made mediation impossible."
- The company "alone of major companies" refuses to follow the 18½ cent an hour national wage pattern.
- The company defies a National War Labor Board ruling that it stop "exploiting" women employees.
- Major Westinghouse competitors, including General Electric, General Motors and RCA, have settled on the basis of the national pattern.
- The company can obtain from the U. S. Treasury, a total of \$11,200,000 if it breaks even on profits during 1946. The company can obtain \$19,750,000, if it loses \$10,000,000 in profits, thus being assured of a profit of \$9,750,000.
- Guaranteed enormous profits, even if it loses money, Westinghouse intends to use public funds to prolong the strike in an effort to obtain a more favorable competitive position for itself in the electrical industry.
- Emspack said also that Westinghouse "considers itself a law unto itself," and charged that it was "callous of the public welfare, publicly defiant of government agencies and the interests of its employees, their communities and the consumers of the nation."

## State CP Recruits 1,062; 'Fair Start' -- Williamson

New York reported 1,062 new members in the Communist Party the first week of the Party's drive for 20,000 recruits nationally. Of these 43 percent were industrial workers. Throughout the nation, the Communist Party signed up 1,854 workers, according to John Williamson, member of the national secretariat. The Communist Party will end its recruiting campaign on June 1.

The national figure was incomplete because reports from California, Seattle, Philadelphia, the Rocky Mountain States and most of the South were still not in.

New Jersey has accounted for 74 members, 31 of them from industry. Jersey reported establishment of three new shops branches at the same time.

Connecticut netted 25; Ohio, 141, and Michigan, 46. Thirteen in the latter state came from the auto industry.

Illinois reported 274; Alabama, 74; Boston, 80, and Baltimore, 25. Pittsburgh's total was 21 and Missouri's 20.

The week's total included 105 seamen.

Williamson, examining first results during a week of world-shaking events, called for an ever greater mobilization of the people and a greater Communist Party. Williamson said:

"This is a fair beginning but we have not yet seen developed the necessary tempo for the campaign.

"Not every district has yet achieved a full and adequate mobilization. The reports indicate this is particularly true in New York and Baltimore."

## Here's a Pamphlet To Help You Recruit

Getting ready to do your share to make the national recruiting drive of the Communist Party a success? Get your recruiting blanks ready? Okay, then here's an assist that'll make the job easier for you.



It's "Meet the Communists," a brand new pamphlet by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, just off the press. Written in friendly, easy-to-understand, plain-spoken fashion, it answers the questions our fellow Americans are asking about the party. Get a stack. Use 'em to recruit. Don't forget: the goal's 20,000 by June 1.

Williamson said it was urgent that steam be put behind the drive now.

"The entire membership and leadership must see that the fulfillment of the campaign is tied up with the party's alertness and the development of effective struggles for peace," he warned.

"The party must be built in the struggle against the war maneuvers of the American imperialists and in the fight to preserve Big Three unity."

## AFRO-AMERICAN CONDEMNS ANTI-SOVIET PROVOCATIONS

The Afro-American editorially scored anti-Soviet provocations by the nation's newspapers and pro-war circles last week. "One hears much talk these days," wrote the Afro-American, "about the control of atomic power and about the dangers inherent in the spread of communism throughout the world."

"Obscured, subordinated or ignored is the simple fact that while man has discovered a means of killing off vast numbers of the population, he has yet to discover a weapon powerful enough to destroy ideas.

"Some segments of the nation's press are making much of the charge that Russia is seeking to communize the world and thus to achieve complete dominance.

"No manifestation, no matter how small, of a healthy interest on the part of individuals and groups interested in equality of opportunity, can escape a 'red' label and the microscopic scrutiny of Congressman Rankin and his un-American Committee.

"Yet there are countless individuals who are not Communists who were eye to eye with them on certain basic issues. If democracy is an antidote for communism, why then should the mere mention of the latter so enrage the purists who would have the world believe them sincere?"

"Most of the anti-Russian talk makes capital of the threat of communism. When Russia came in as an ally against Germany and Japan she was welcomed with open arms.

Now that these two nations have been temporarily silenced, the hue and cry is again raised against Russia's political ideology.

"To the more observing nations, all of this is negative. What they would like to see is a positive demonstration that the democracy about which we prate can offer more. Until this is done, we should expect but few converts to our cause."

## USES to Keep Only 3 Units Here Open Sat.

The U. S. Employment Service in New York City will discontinue half-day Saturday services beginning Saturday, April 6, it was announced yesterday by Joseph B. O'Connor, regional USES director. Only three USES offices will be kept open on Saturday mornings.

Special permission from Washington to work field office staffs in excess of the regular government 40-hour week has been withdrawn, O'Connor said, but arrangements have been made to provide staffs on Saturday mornings for the Nurse Counseling and Placement Office at 119 W. 57 St., the Summer Camp Unit at 44 East 23 St., and the Summer Resort Unit at 40 E. 59 St.

The UNO preoccupation with the Iranian issue was assailed as hypocritical today by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, which charged that half the people of the earth, are subjected to foreign intervention without protest by the United Nations Organization.

These charges were contained in identical telegrams sent to all members of the Security Council of the United Nations Organization.

The Committee, composed of foreign correspondents and writers on the Far East, also announced that it is sponsoring a dinner-forum on April 3 to spotlight the Far Eastern situation, and to affirm the sympathy and support of the people of the United States with the one billion people of the Far East.

The Security Council was urged by the Committee to press for a full investigation and report of the role and actions of troops of foreign powers in the Far East.

## Social Workers Win 18% Boost

An 18 percent wage increase and establishment of higher minimums has averted a threatened stoppage in three New York social agencies, Bernard Segal, executive secretary of the Social Service Employees Union, said yesterday. Agencies involved were the Jewish Social Service Assn., the Jewish Family Welfare Assn. and the Jewish Board of Guardians.

The settlement was reached after the union threatened a five-hour stoppage, which would have been the first of its kind in its field.

Under the agreement, office workers' minimum will be \$30 weekly and professionals' will be \$2,400 annually. Segal said the result was an "overwhelming union victory." The increase will average \$5.30 a week for clerical personnel and \$462 annually for professional social workers. Segal added that he expected this agreement would serve as a precedent with approximately a dozen other agencies now in negotiations.

## Youth Rally Hits Freeport Killing

The Federated Youth Clubs of Harlem and the American Youth for Democracy, at a mass meeting yesterday, renewed their demand for justice in the killings of Charles and Alfonzo Ferguson in Freeport, L. I.

Councilman Benjamin J. Davis said to the meeting, at 15 W. 126th St., that "all the legal subterfuges were removed from the case when the courts exonerated Richard Ferguson from any charges of disorderly conduct."

Assemblyman Hulan Jack said that the pressure of the people had been responsible for the action of the courts, and that District Attorney Gehrig's findings in the case of Richard Ferguson was not a change of heart, but was forced from him by the people.

The meeting was held at the American Negro Theater building, 15 W. 126th st.

## Raps Attack on Win Peace Body

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Rep. Charles R. Savage (D-Wash) tonight said that attacks on the Win-The-Peace conference, scheduled here this week, were inspired by persons with ulterior motives.

His statement followed an "anti-red" declaration by Rep. Luther Patrick (D-Ala) who withdrew as a sponsor.

"I feel that these charges are made by people with ulterior motives who do not want us to bring to the American people the importance of this nation's relations with other countries," Savage said.

"We know the desires of the people. We hope to propose and point up international issues of the day and encourage Congress to act promptly and properly."

Chairman Adolph J. Sabath, (D-Ill), of the House Rules Committee, one of the sponsors said "I'd do anything to win the peace and I don't care who the other sponsors are so long as they are for the peace."

## Dewey Gets CIO Vacation Plea

The CIO Civil Service Union last night urged that Gov. Dewey re-establish the four-week vacation for state workers which prevailed before the war emergency, and to adopt a five-day work week for 50,000 state employees.

In a letter to Dewey, James V. King, New York district president of the State, County and Municipal Workers, pointed out that the state four-week vacation clause was temporarily abandoned in June, 1943, because of wartime manpower shortage.

The union also cited that the five-day week is almost universal in private industry and urged Dewey to establish similar practice.

## UE Local Hits Byrnes On Anti-Soviet Tactics

CHICAGO, March 31.—Six thousand members of Local 1114, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, yesterday wired Secretary of State Byrnes a protest against his "anti-Soviet, war mongering actions at the UNO meeting." "Your actions are not in the interests of the American or the peace loving peoples of the world," their message said. "We urge that you, without delay, repair the damage which you have already done."

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ARTHUR HERSH, comrade and anti-fascist. Missing in action April 1, 1938, Gandesa, Spain. —Yetta and Jim

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# 31 Negroes Indicted in Tenn. As 'Dry Lynching' Plot Unfolds

By ROBERT MINOR

COLUMBIA, Tenn., March 31.—The "dry lynching" has gotten under way here. Indictments for crimes as high as "accessory before the fact of attempted murder in the first degree" have been returned against 31 leaders of the Negro community. The list of indicted people headed by Sol Blair, the barber, and his father, Julius Blair, and by James Morton, undertaker, and the Rev. Calvin Lockridge, Meade Johnson and James Thomas Ballant. All of the indicted Negro leaders are considered responsible for preventing the bloody lynching of Jimmy Stephenson, 19-year-old Navy veteran, and his mother, on the public square on the night of Feb. 25.

Jimmy Stephenson, on returning from two years' service on board the U.S.S. Prometheus and at Guadalcanal, Okiwana and other places, saw his mother kicked and slapped by a white clerk on the public street of his home town, and struck the white clerk a blow that knocked him through the glass window of a shop. He is indicted (and his mother with him) for "attempt to commit murder by use of a dangerous instrument, to-wit, pieces of glass."

Sol and Julius Blair, James Morton, Mrs. Gladys Stephenson, her son Jimmy and many others of the 31 indicted, face a prospect of 21 years in prison.

## WHITE LYNCHERS NOT LISTED

Rev. Calvin Lockridge, quiet and powerfully eloquent minister who works week-days as a carpenter, saw the blaze of rifles fired at the Negroes' homes on the night of Feb. 25. He picked up his shot-gun and carried it across his arm until the firing stopped, and he is now indicted for "having a dangerous weapon with intent to be armed." The white men who fired into the Negroes' homes, and whom the police saw carrying the rifles and a rope, are not indicted.

The Grand Jury of 13 white men, the names of whom were announced on the second day after the attempted lynching, was clearly chosen to railroad to prison those who could not be lynched and those who prevented the lynching. This they are doing. The Grand Jury acts as a sub-committee of the 50 to 75 white-livered men who, armed with 35 or 40 rifles, many pistols and a rope, did not carry out their plan to "go in and get those Negroes" only because twice their number of young Negroes, war veterans and others, were standing guard in the Negro streets to prevent the intended double hanging.

The indictment is in all moral respects an action of the mob. It is in accord with the desire of the men who tried to hang Jimmy Stephenson and his mother. It is therefore the continuation of the crime, not an effort to punish it.

Two men were murdered on Thursday of the week of blood. For these murders no one is indicted, because the murdered men were Negroes. Policemen who emptied Tommy-guns into the bodies of three young Negro men seated in chairs in the jail house for questioning, and then hauled two of them around in an automobile until they died,



"Dry Lynch" Victims: Two of the 31 Negroes who face a 21-year prison sentence in the latest Columbia, Tenn., "legal lynching" indictments. Left, Mrs. Gladys Stephenson, who was saved by lynchers by Negro militancy in Columbia after her son came to her rescue when a Columbia white radio repairman kicked and beat her. Solomon Blair, whose barber shop was gutted and looted by Tennessee white hoodlums.

are not indicted.

It was at first the admitted intention of the authorities headed by Dist.-Atty.-Gen. Paul F. Bumpus not to have any white person indicted. The two who had harangued the 50 mobsters to go ahead with the lynching were not interfered with by the police until they had failed; then they were arrested on mock charges of "profane language" and "getting drunk," and were soon released.

## ARRAIGNED ON A MYTH

Four white men have now been indicted in addition to the 31 Negroes, the charge being stated as "attempted murder." It may be that these four include the two once momentarily held for "drunkenness" and "profanity." But the indictments against the white men are drawn up in such a way that they will probably not stand when tested in court. As described to me, these indictments allege that the attempted murder consisted in trying to "kick in the jail door." It seems to hinge on a myth about a supposed mass attack on the jail, told to news-

paper men by Sheriff J. J. Underwood with himself as the hero who "drove away the mob." The hole in the story lies in the fact that the armed gang of white men saw Mrs. Stephenson and her son Jimmy leave the jail and drive past them down South Main St. at five o'clock in the afternoon, one or more hours before they are supposed to have attacked the jail to get them.

The four white men now indicted are dummies to make the frame-up look honest.

Only Negroes are slated for the hell-hole of prison in this case. The State and County authorities have done not one thing unfriendly to the gangsters who tried to hang a young war veteran and his mother. The only aggression was performed first by white civilian gangsters who immediately received the support of the police, and then by the police themselves, reinforced by militiamen. The only murders and the only wrecking and looting were done by State policemen who left in the wreckage the sign "KKK," as the

mark and signature of those who are trying now to send all leaders of the Negro community to prison, practically for life.

This will not be tolerated by civilization, by the Negro people, nor by their allies, the organized working class, white and Negro.

But the movement to save the leaders of the Negro community of Columbia, Tenn., must be as big and bold and fast as the one that thwarted the frame-up at Scottsboro, Ala., 15 years ago.

The dry lynching has begun.

## NEGROES FACE LYNCHING

Thirty-one Negroes were indicted by the all-white Maury County Grand Jury on trumped-up charges of attempt to commit murder in the first degree. Others indicted were five for being accessories before the fact and one for being accessory after the fact in an attempt to commit first degree murder. Six are charged with carrying dangerous weapons.

Indicted on one count for attempted murder in the first degree, carrying a penalty of 3 to 21 years, are:

Tommy Baxter, James Thomas Ballant, Solomon Blair, Clarence Brown, Charles C. Edwards, Luther Edwards, Robert Gentry, Rev. Calvin Lockridge, Webster Matthews, John McGivens, Lewis Miles.

Also James Morton, Meade Johnson, Charles Smith, William Bills, William Dawson, Horace Gordon, Milton Johnson, John Lockridge, Willie Pigg, Raymond Lockridge, Early Scott, Napoleon Stewart and Gene Williams.

Of these 25, four Negroes and seventy-five year old Julius Blair, were indicted on another count of being accessories before the fact to attempted murder in the first degree. They are Solomon Blair, James Morton, Meade Johnson and James Thomas Ballant.

Indicted also on a separate count of attempt to commit murder in the first degree are Navy veteran James Stephenson and his mother Mrs. Gladys Stephenson, who were saved from lynching by heroic action of the Negro community.

William Pillow and Lloyd Kennedy were indicted for attempt to commit murder on another separate count.

Another count charged John Blackwell, a Negro nearly beaten to death by State Patrolmen, with attempt to commit murder in the first degree.

Undertaker James Morton faces another charge of being accessory after the fact to the crime of attempted murder.

Additional charges of carrying dangerous weapons, with a \$50 fine and one year jail penalty, were brought by the all-white jury against Solomon Blair, Rev. Calvin Lockridge, James Thomas Ballant, Meade Johnson, James Mor-

barked on a drive to dominate the markets of the world," and warned that "they will not hesitate to impoverish the American people and embroil us in another war to achieve that end."

Warning also that the United Nations Security Organization "is in serious jeopardy" because American big business "has forced our government into a policy of atomic diplomacy, imperialist intrigue and reactionary political interference in the affairs of other nations," the resolution asserted that "the most disgraceful and dangerous of these activities is the current anti-Soviet drive."

"The American labor movement, 13 million strong, must be mobilized to break big business control over the domestic and foreign policies of the United States Government."

ton and George McHolster.

To give the mass frame-up of Negroes an appearance of fairness, the jury indicted four white men, who attempted to kick in the door of the Maury County Jail, where the Negroes were held and two were shot to death. Indicted on a charge of attempt to commit a felony, the white men are: Roy Schribner, Joe Williams, Carl Kelly and Earl Tom-



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# NMU Blasts U.S. War Drive

A sharply critical appraisal of the Administration's role in domestic and foreign affairs is contained in a statement of policy and program adopted by the National Council of the National Maritime Union at its concluding session here this week.

The union set forth a 7-point program for the period ahead. It included:

Mobilization of its membership behind its negotiations with the shipowners.

Organizing the unorganized. Unity of all maritime workers in a national organization of autonomous maritime unions.

Political action to secure enactment of beneficial legislation and

to strengthen labor's role in the coming elections, expansion of educational facilities.

Defeat of the disruptive activities of the Dubinsky-Lewis forces in the labor movement and laying the base for genuine national labor unity.

Continued pressure on the government to support the UNO, grant full recognition to the World Federation of Trade Unions, and conduct an intensive campaign to educate American workers to the importance of the WFTU and rally wide support for its program.

## WARNS OF PRESENT TREND

"Recent events do not point to the growing welfare and security of

the American people, and the freedom-loving peoples of the world," the resolution said. "Rather, our government, and the industrial monopolists who evidently dominate it, have turned a road that can only lead us to depression, war and disaster."

"For our labors and sacrifices, what is the seamen's reward? The shipowners treat with contempt our demands for decent wages and conditions. We are denied the benefits of the Seamen's Bill of Rights. Our needs for unemployment insurance, adequate shore-side housing and proper hospitalization are ignored."

The resolution charged American industrialists with having "em-



# Blast 'Scientific Facade' for Warmongers

By PETER STONE

For scientists organized in the newly formed N. Y. State Division of Science and Technology of the Independent Citizens Committee, there is little sense in the atomic bomb test that is projected for Bikini Atoll.

The scientists heard a civilian physicist, Dr. Clarke Williams, a member of the Manhattan Project, the Army division of the atom bomb organization, say that the 100 million dollars would be better spent in training new research workers.

The atom bomb scientist attacked the secrecy surrounding the Bikini project and claimed that civilian scientists would learn little, if anything because of the "security" measures taken by the armed forces.

He was convinced that atomic energy was properly the problem of the whole world and he asked that the new organization form a committee to educate the citizens to its tasks. Dr. Williams asked that if the experiments had to be carried out—that they should be under the auspices of the UNO

Atomic Energy Commission.

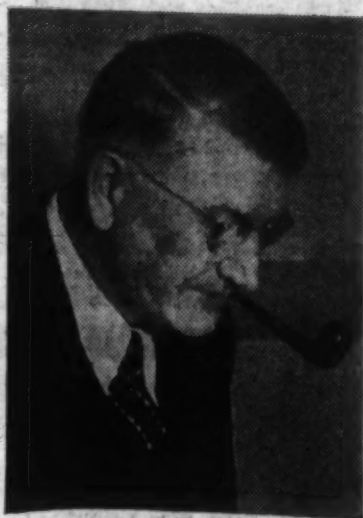
**OPPOSE BARUCH**

The meeting also adopted a resolution attacking the appointment of Bernard Baruch as the U. S. member of the UNO commission and asked that he be replaced by Henry Wallace.

The director of the Harvard Observatory, Dr. Harlow Shapley reported on his meeting with the great Danish physicist, Professor Niels Bohr, who was deeply worried that the "world was on the brink." The astronomer referred to Mr. Baruch's scientific advisors Dr. James Conant, Vannevar Bush and Arthur Compton—as the "grand dukes" of science.

These "grand dukes" were called a "scientific facade" for the bankers and monopolies by the chairman of the meeting, Walter Rautenstrauch, Emeritus Professor of Engineering at Columbia University. He had set the keynote of the meeting in discussing the need for organization by "intellectuals who have a conscience."

Dr. Rautenstrauch said that the



RAUTENSTRAUCH

problems of the world have their roots in problems that are solved daily by engineers and scientists. Congress and other legislative bodies should come to scientists for counsel and advice in making policy in regard to natural resources, waterways, etc.—but unfortunately most laws are still made without consideration of

those who use the tools and applications of engineering and technology.

**CITES MONOPOLY PRESSURE**

Professor Rautenstrauch cited examples of how private pressure groups retard natural processes as in the fight by utilities against TVA, MVA, government exploitation of the Columbia River basin and the St. Lawrence seaway.

The men who study fossils, are bent over chemical test tubes or are busy separating the isotopes of uranium showed that they could also organize for a fight to achieve a better world. Dr. James E. Hill, assistant curator of mammals of the American Museum of Natural History, called for the creation of a natural resources committee. He discussed the wasteful exploitation of forests, waterways, land and animal life, and called for a sensible program of conservation.

Dr. Harry Grundfest, secretary of the American Association of Scientific Workers urged the UNO to work for the compromise Killgore-Magnuson bill. Beryl Gil-

man of the FAECT-CIO spoke of the need for a committee on scientific and technical employment. This group would help plan for student scholarships with the National Science Foundation and aid in the promotion of refresher courses for scientists and veterans and to see to it that technical workers received proper pay for their work.

Veterans were represented at the meeting by the statistician Dr. Schweitzer. He proposed a legislative committee that would be the link between all committees and act as a guide to political action for the N. Y. State Science Division of the ICC.

The scientists also passed resolutions which called for an end to the manufacture of atom bombs because the accumulation of these potent weapons engendered a spirit of war. The meeting called for support to the international organization of science through the medium of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

## Letters from Our Readers

### Hunger Marchers of Pa. Remember Gov. Earle

Lancaster, Pa.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

The returned ex-governor from Pennsylvania, George H. Earle, finds a sneering picture of himself in every newspaper. The ex-governor, ex-minister has been repudiated by the Democrats for his playboy antics in southeastern Europe and he has been repudiated by the democratic and progressive citizens who distrusted his anti-Russian, anti-freedom, anti-peaceful regards for liberated peoples. Now he is back in America adding his snarl to the reactionary howl of the imperialists.

We Pennsylvanians do not forget when the people of this state, thoroughly disgusted with the failure of the State Legislature to heed the needs of hundreds of thousands of jobless workers and their families, compelled the Democratic and Republican politicians to hear the pleas of hungry men, women and children. For 16 gruesome fighting days and as many nights we occupied the State Senate gallery, demanding appropriate relief allotments. We forced the Senate's reactionaries to vote a full appropriation for relief, thus

spiking their vicious plans to shut down direct relief. We smashed their avaricious plan to put the amoralization of relief back into the hands of the local country poor boards when we forced the Senators to strike this from the \$45,000,000 relief bill. This was the Harrisburgh Hunger March of 1936.

We showed to the Earle administration the power of the unemployed. Now that the ex-governor is back home he tells us Americans that Russia is "the greatest danger that ever threatened America." We know you, Mr. Earle!

C. RIEDEL

### Correction to a 'Daily' Story

New York.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

My attention has been called to a recent article in your paper stating that the National Conference of Christians and Jews has taken a position with reference to the May Quinn case. The action was taken not by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, but by myself as an individual citizen.

WILLARD JOHNSON,  
Vice-President.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

### Carry On in Hank Forbes' Memory

Norfolk, Va.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

It is my desire to hereby express appreciation of the good educational material currently found in the world's topmost two papers, the Worker and Daily Worker, which I credit to both the readers and writers alike.

Communists at Work, which is to be featured twice weekly, sets off a thrill within me as being a new level in Party building. From such a column I am sure the solution to many problems will result.

I read a stirring letter in the DW just a few days ago, written by Comrade James Branca of Washington, D. C., that made me realize I am doing too little as a member of the Communist Party. He was condemning the War Dept. regarding its recent discrimination rulings against Communists. He pointed out that many members of our Party had given their lives fighting the

fascists so that freedom would live. Among the many heroes, Communists, who thus served their country was Hank Forbes from Pittsburgh.

I knew and worked with Hank as a buddy shortly before he went into service and I need not mention that he knew full well what he was fighting for. He was fighting for a world where love and happiness among all people would reign. We who know must work hard for such a world, should get down to brass tacks and build a strong and powerful party.

That would be the best way to carry on the job for which Comrade Hank and others sacrificed their lives.

R. E. GOFORTH

### Finds Front Page Style Improved

Chicago, Ill.  
The new headline style of the Daily Worker is excellent. I refer especially to the issue of March 25, where seven stories were headlined on the front page.

This is real tabloid style, suited to the modern read-on-the-run life. Don't let any conservative newsmen tell you to go back to the old days of small pictures and the front page small print.

W. HALL

### Finds Letters Interesting Feature

Cleveland, O.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

In my opinion, the "Letters from Our Readers" column is rapidly becoming one of the most interesting features in the Daily. It has certainly improved over the days when you used to print long-winded, word-glutted columns by writers who, though doubtless sincere, seemed to strive to prove their salt by concocting fantastically complicated grammar constructions.

I see your daily request for shorter letters has borne fruit and this greater variety of concise and direct letters are both effective and educational. I have learned a number of interesting points from them. Many other people I know feel the same way.

I am also glad to see letters of criticism on different aspects of the paper. It shows a healthy interest on the part of the readers and, in printing them, a healthy attitude on the part of the editors who, no doubt, are kept on their toes by constructive criticism.

THOMAS MALLOY

### Anglo-U.S. UNO Delegates Don't Represent People

New York.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

What has taken place at the Council of the United Nations in New York City is a travesty of justice and human decency.

We find that neither the majority of the United States or British citizens are in any way represented at this council on the paramount issue of maintaining world unity for peace. In fact, we do not see the population of these countries represented at all.

The representatives of Great Britain speaks for and represents the giant Anglo-Persian Oil Trust and its some 126 subsidiary oil corporations that stretch like an octopus over the entire world.

The representatives of the United States, Secretary of State Byrnes, is merely the catspaw representative of the Standard Oil Company, and the S. O. company is very closely connected with the British cartel.

### A Worker Finds The Daily Worker

Atlantic City, N. J.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

I found your paper in our post office here the other day and read it for the first time. I want you to know I think you have a fine little paper and it speaks the truth. Keep it up.

M. M.

## A Soviet Review of Chase's Book

By JOHN GIBBONS

Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, March 31. — Stuart Chase's book, *Goals for America*, testifies further to the crisis of capitalist economy, a review in the current issue of the magazine *Bolshevik* declared yesterday.

The reviewer characterized the book as a definite point of view of a bourgeois economist.

Summing up the author's views on unemployment and poverty in an age of plenty, the reviewer says Chase sees a remedy in psychology rather than economy. In discarding traditional views and ideas which held good previously, but are now obsolete, by inculcating a new outlook in keeping with the times, unemployment, etc., etc., will disappear.

To Chase the advocacy of a "good" capitalist as instanced by Henry Kaiser, is one conscious of common interests who will cooperate with common interest.

The reviewer replies: Mr. Chase has taken upon himself a heavy and thankless burden.

Nor does the reviewer share the Chase view of a planned economy under capitalist conditions—planning being feasible only when the means of production are social property and when the state disposes of all economic forces for the plan. Otherwise all attempts at planning are doomed.

He cites Chase (p. 126) to the effect that in the postwar period factories will be idle until they master the method of a fabulous output for the people or until we devote our effort to a permanent war as the way out for abundance. . . . In fact the wealth of a nation cannot be used otherwise than for its destruction. . . . It sounds ironical, Chase continues, that war raises our potential plenty—if we don't learn to utilize it, and quickly at that, then we sow the seeds of even greater war.

The reviewer then comments: "In these words of a bourgeois economist are expressed the facts of actual life. Capitalism breeds war, especially in its present stage

when productive forces outgrow the bounds of capitalistic private property."

The productive forces of capitalism in its present stage can develop only at the expense of their destruction, he continued. It was not accidental that the end of the war, which gladdened all freedom-loving peoples, met with an altogether gloomy welcome from the plutocrats who did well out of the "killing business."

Nor is it accidental, continued the reviewer, that many merchants of death are acting now as initiators of all kinds of campaigns directed against peace and security. Chase's book is clear evidence of the crisis of bourgeois economy and its inability correctly to appraise economic life as it actually is and to show a way out of the developing situation.

The book shows how difficult it is now for the apologists of capitalism—they will fail to create a new "theory" since the facts of real life are already exposing and

will continue to expose them in the eyes of the people.

In the same magazine, Professor Stein, analyzing the first session of the UNO referring to the slanders that the USSR allegedly aimed at upsetting the work of the Security Council, wrote:

The principle of unanimity of the five permanent members of the Council is not an empty formality. The Soviet delegation adhered to this principle not to undermine security, but for the purpose of undermining attempts to decide one or another question without the USSR or contrary to the USSR.

The Soviet Union always has and always will honor its signature to all treaties, agreements and rules. In matters of postwar construction of the world on the basis of general security, the Soviet stand is based on the recognition of rights of nations to self-determination—recognition based not on words, but on full sovereignty of all members of the UNO.



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## Byrnes' Motives

**T**HINKING Americans ask anxiously: "Exactly what is the goal of the aggressive, hostile course which Secretary Byrnes is pursuing against the Soviet Union in the UNO?"

It surely cannot be the "rights of small nations" as Byrnes pretends.

If Byrnes were really interested in the independence of nations, he would be insisting that Britain quit terrorizing Greece and Indonesia.

He would be withdrawing our troops from China and the Philippines as well as Iceland and India and the 50 other places where our armed forces now do other than occupation duty.

While the Soviet Union is withdrawing its troops from Iran according to schedule, neither Britain nor the U.S. are withdrawing their troops from the Middle East or Asia.

So what is Byrnes after? Why does he spurn all efforts to solve the Iran issue by negotiation? Why, indeed, is he actively interfering to break up the negotiations between Iran and the Soviet Union just as they are nearing a successful conclusion?

The answer is that Secretary Byrnes has embarked on a policy of replacing the UNO as President Roosevelt helped to create it by a new line-up of Wall Street and London against the other member of the Big Three.

Instead of a UNO resting on the cooperation of the big powers, Byrnes is carrying out the plan proposed by Churchill—that is a war alliance between the U.S. and Britain, with the U.S. the big boss.

What is the goal of this alliance?

To let American bankers and trusts dictate the political fate of every country of the world, dominating the colonies, giving orders to China, muscling in on the British loot in India, Malaya and the Middle East.

In Germany we are not wiping out the power of the reactionaries. In Japan we are not destroying the emperor system and the feudal landlord class. We are planning to restore these enemy states as mercenaries against the Soviet Union.

So there it is. Wall Street dreams of an American empire. It figures it is the richest and strongest power in the world. It is eager to crush democracy, to encircle the Soviet Union with areas in which Soviet-hating regimes will be preparing the way for another World War on the orders of Washington and London.

Byrnes' program is a build-up for war, in other words.

His policy, which President Truman has endorsed, has the enthusiastic backing of the GOP Hooverites and the pro-fascists like Hearst.

To see all this is to understand how urgently public opinion must speak out against it in favor of the FDR policy of American-Soviet friendship.

## Westinghouse Wages War

**T**HE Westinghouse Electric Corp. is waging war against its 75,000 employees.

U. S. Mediators William H. Davis and Arthur S. Meyer have flatly blamed the corporation for making "mediation impossible" in the 76-day-old strike.

Here's the proposal of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, CIO:

An 18½-cent-an-hour wage increase.

All employees who have been on strike shall return to work without discrimination.

All other issues to be settled by negotiations and, if necessary, by arbitration.

But the company replied with an ultimatum. Take an average 9.7-cent increase, and no increase at all for the lamp workers, or remain out in the streets.

Why should the corporation worry? It is counting on millions of dollars of tax rebates from the government for NOT OPERATING THE PLANTS!

The issue is clear. While millions of workers have won average 18½-cent wage increases, Westinghouse wants to reverse the trend and smash the union, thus weakening all unionism. The public must demand that the government shall not grant tax rebates to the corporation seeking to impose starvation on its employees. Nation-wide support for the Westinghouse workers can force a just settlement.



## Democratic Temper of Negro Vets

By CLAUDIA JONES

**T**HE "strangest" excuses are used to prop up discrimination against Negro veterans by people who should know better. Usually, when Negro and white citizens protest against discrimination, the charge is hurled against them that they are "subversive." Likewise the hack argument is used—straight from the mouths of the Wall Street-Southern Bourbon catechisms—"why worry, Negroes are 'happy' by themselves anyway."

A case in point is the new twist used by an official in a Chicago Veterans hospital, who, on meeting with Negro veterans protesting the Jimcrow set up in the Veterans Administration, said: "Since peace and quiet is most necessary, I believe if segregation tends to eliminate friction, then the hospital should be operated on that basis."

This is one for the books. Let us see how this argument of Col. Warren A. Colton of the Edward A. Hines Veterans Hospital in Chicago fits reality. Apparently, according to Hines, "peace and quiet" should have reigned in Columbia City when an entire Negro community was razed by militia men and police officials and two Negro citizens were killed. Apparently, the Ferguson brothers, who were Jimcrowed to death, should have had no "friction" with Patrolman Romeika because after all they were segregated.

I needn't tell you that such arguments were not at all swallowed by these Negro veterans. Their rapid-fire questions to Hines made him retreat rapidly. They reminded him of the "war bond ideals" set up by the United States government dealing with the rights of man. Whereupon he became embarrassed and said that he was only an "employee of the Veterans Administration" and was obliged to carry out orders originating in Washington.

Perhaps the significant aspect of this whole incident was that these Negro veterans represented the Provisional Committee for a National Veterans Organization, who are meeting in Chicago on April 6-7 to form a National Veterans organization which will fight for their democratic rights, their educational and GI benefits and against lynch violence and terror.

The Chicago action is indicative

of the vets' temper and their aims. Their chief desire is for an organization in which they can have full dignity and manhood rights; one which will fight for their demands on a state-wide, community-wide level. Throughout the country, they are organizing among themselves, first of all. A wholesome sign of their maturity is their desire for co-operation and collaboration with labor and progressive groups, and with their white brother veterans, because they realize that only thus can their just demands be achieved.

There is need, however, for a much more aggressive support on labor's part to the problems faced by the Negro veteran. When it is considered that the Big Business, Southern Bourbon lynch violence against Negroes is directed primarily against Negro the veteran, it becomes evident that the Negro vet will be an even more powerful ally of labor once labor begins to fight more aggressively for his needs.

### NOT 2ND CLASS STATUS BUT EQUAL RIGHTS

This obvious conclusion is strengthened on surveying the unanimous and correct conclusions of the Negro press which holds that the existing veterans' organizations offer second-class status to Negro vets. It is likewise incumbent on progressive white veterans to support the demands of Negro veterans, everywhere.

The Negro veteran is not in a

temper for second class status, but for full citizenship. Such is seen in the action of the 12 Negro airmen who applied for commercial pilot jobs but were turned down by the lily-white Eastern Airlines. It is evidenced in the organization of the Alabama Veterans Association, who came from 26 towns and cities in Alabama. It is seen in their demand for their right to vote when they marched on Jefferson County Courthouse in Alabama. The first act of these vets in conference was to unanimously reject the much-publicized Gillem Report (which proclaimed that the War Department has "ended army Jimcrow") as a "gratuitous insult" to the aspirations of the Negro people.

Negro and white veterans who have participated in these recent struggles will attend the national organizing conference in Chicago on April 6 and 7. Honorary chairman of the organizing group is Joe Louis. Support for their efforts have already been received from Secretary Henry A. Wallace, and other notables. Many prominent figures such as Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown and others are scheduled to speak.

Labor especially, and Negro and white veterans might well view this coming conference as a signal opportunity to weld strong ties with the Negro veteran who seek unity and support to his fighting demands for peace, security and full citizenship.

## Worth Repeating

In an article discussing Churchill's Missouri speech Louis Quintanilla, secretary of the Pan - American Union, said: "Mr. Churchill pulls out the usual red-baiting argument—Communism. It must be eradicated. Why? Because 'the Communist Parties or fifth columns constitute a growing challenge and peril to Christian civilization.' Exactly the words of Francisco Franco! And, minus the word 'Christian,' exactly the argument brought forth by the original Axis powers to justify the formation of Axis Number 1. . . .

"If our hemisphere policy should ever become entangled in a diplomatic or military scheme designed to set up an English speaking Axis against our great Soviet ally, millions of bona fide democrats, throughout Latin America, would be the first to denounce our Pan-American ties."—From the Washington Post, March 16, 1946.



# Hoover Admits Poles Starving; Beirut Hits Anti-Polish Intrigue

WARSAW, March 31 (UP).—Former President Herbert Hoover, commenting on his three-day talks with Polish officials and personal inspections of this ruined capital, said last night that Poland's "heartbreaking" food shortage "is the worst we've seen so far."

"Five million Polish children should have more food immediately," he declared, adding that this desperate situation is "only lightened by the hope and gallantry of the Polish people."

At the same time Boleslaw Bierut, Poland's President, assured newsmen accompanying Hoover that his nation enjoys full independence. He described foreign press reports that Poland is a "Russian satellite" as "lies and anti-Polish propaganda."

## CITES STARVATION

Hoover, who is touring Europe as chairman of President Truman's famine emergency committee, said that Poland has "2,500,000 children who are terribly subnormal from undernourishment" and that as a result the tuberculosis rate has shot up.

He pointed out that the daily diet in Poland is only 1,500 calories, most of it starches. He said that as compared to the prewar level, Poland's horses are down to 45 per cent, cattle to 33 per cent, sheep to 36 per cent, and swine to 17 per cent.

"Even more important is the intellectual destruction and the physical weakening of humans," he added.

Bierut, who was inaugurated last June as Poland's Chief Executive,

told American correspondents that there are no more Soviet troops in Poland than there are American and British troops in France and Belgium.

Bierut also denied that returning Polish soldiers who fought with Britain and the United States in the west were being terrorized, but admitted there is a certain amount of anti-Jewish terrorism in Poland by "underground elements."

He said the government is making every effort to combat this terrorism, which he declared had been greatly exaggerated in foreign reports.

The Polish President said general elections would be held "this year," but declined to name a specific date.

He explained the absence of complete freedom of the press in Poland on the ground that "censorship is necessary to protect the majority from the lies of the minority."

Censorship, Bierut said, is limited to newspaper discussions of international affairs. He asserted that "we are not against press freedom but against lying."

(Mr. Hoover arrived in Helsinki from Warsaw late this afternoon where he conferred with President Paasikivi and his cabinet and is scheduled to be a guest of the government at dinner tonight. Mr. Hoover planned to leave Helsinki for Stockholm Monday.)

## 85 of 100 See Atom Secret Impossible

DENVER, March 30 (UP).—Eighty-five out of every 100 Americans believe the United States will be unable to keep the secret of how to make the atomic bomb, a national opinion survey revealed today.

Only 10 percent of the American public believes the secret can be kept from other nations and the remaining five percent is undecided.

The National Opinion research Center of the University of Denver also said that most leading American scientists also believe that the secret of atomic bomb making cannot be kept.

## Giral Hopes For Recognition

TOULOUSE, France, March 31 (UP).—Premier Jose Giral of the Exiled Republican Government of Spain said today that he hoped "a certain number of powers" would shortly recognize his government.

Giral, here to honor Spaniards who fought with the French Maquis, did not specify which powers. He also said there was no question of his exile government establishing its seat in Toulouse.

The Premier reaffirmed his intention to enlarge his cabinet as a result of the Communist acceptance of an invitation to participate.

He said he would soon name a Communist and a Right Wing Republican Party representative. The name of the latter would remain secret, he said, because he is still in Spain.

Giral, who said his government has complete plans for taking over from Franco without civil war, added that he will also name a minister to represent the province of Galicia, which claims equal autonomy with the Basque provinces and Catalonia.

## New Bulgarian Cabinet Formed

SOFIA, March 31 (UP).—Premier Kimon Georgiev formed a new Bulgarian Cabinet today composed entirely of "Fatherland Front" members and excluding the opposition.

The new cabinet was immediately approved by Soviet military authorities representing the Allied Control Commission.

Of the parties making up the "Fatherland Front," the Zveno Party took four key ministries, including Georgiev's premiership.

The Agrarian Party took four, the Communists two, the Radicals one, and the Independent Party one.

The most disputed posts—the Ministries of Home and of Justice—went to Communist Anton Yugov and Agrarian Lyuben Kolarov.

Traycho Kostov, Communist, and Alexander Obbov, Agrarian, were named deputy premiers.

## Army in Japan Ridden With VD

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31 (UP).—The United States Eighth Army in Japan is the "most venereal disease ridden of any of our armies anywhere on the globe," Larry Tighe, American Broadcasting Co. correspondent, said today in a report recorded here by ABC.

According to Tighe, the army's chief surgeon reported that, in the seven months of occupation duty, 210 cases of VD per 1,000 men have developed. Tighe said 25 percent of the patients in army station hospitals are undergoing venereal disease treatment.

Since January, he said, the disease rate has curved downward, but not at a pace to cheer about.

# Labor Party Angling With SP in Europe

LONDON, March 31 (UP).—The British Labor Party is trying to strengthen its ties with Socialist Parties on the continent of Europe, a party spokesman said today.

Italian and Czech labor leaders have already made "fraternal visits" to London to talk with British Labor Party leaders, he said.

The Hungarian Social Democratic leader, Anna Kethly, is now in London conferring with trade union chiefs and the Austrian vice-chancellor, Dr. Adolf Schaerf, is expected to come to London next week.

Harold Laski, executive chairman of the Labor Party, will leave for Italy next weekend as head of a British Labor Party Mission to the Italian Socialist Party congress, and will address big public meetings in Turin and Milan.

Another Labor Party mission will visit Germany soon to contact the new German socialist and trade union movement in the British zone of occupation.

Dr. Kurt Schumacher, leader of the German Social Democrats for the three western zones, who recently strongly opposed the Socialist-Communist merger in the Soviet zone, has also been invited to London to confer with British Labor Party officials.

## Fewer Farm Workers

There were 7,732,000 persons working on farms at the first of 1946, which is about 1,500,000 less than a month earlier and about 250,000 less than a year earlier.

## Communists at Work:

# OUR CONCENTRATION POLICY AND OREGON'S SMALL TOWNS

COMMUNISTS AT WORK will be a regular feature every Monday and Friday, edited by the National Organization Department of the Communist Party. Communist clubs, sections, counties and states, as well as individual members are urged to send their contributions for this column to the National Organization Dept., C.P., 35 E. 12 St., N.Y.C.

## PORTLAND, Ore.

During the past period there were two key factors that brought about neglect of the small town clubs and their work. The first was the growth of war industries in Portland and the attendant wartime depopulation of the smaller and less industrialized towns. This important industrial development demanded the attention and efforts of the party leadership.

The second was, that in our application of the revisionist policies in program and organization, we underestimated the need and possibilities of a strong active party in small towns. In the process of reorganization of the party towards the main peacetime industries of the state, and with the decline of shipbuilding and aircraft industries in Portland, the party turned to lumber, the main industry of the Northwest.

During the past years, due to the depletion of the forests by the lumber barons, the industry has gradually moved away from Portland to the southern section of the state. Therefore to concentrate in lumber we must concentrate on the small towns.

The main bulk of our party has been and still is in Portland. Our clubs in the other towns are scattered and small. In all of the small towns we found that the clubs had not been meeting regularly, had no executive committees and did no collective work. Nevertheless the individual members were active in their unions and in the farm organizations.

The first step was to tour the small towns and reorganize the clubs. Next was to develop a concentration policy toward the main industry of the area.

North Bend, a lumber town 200 miles south of Portland, had a small club which had given members to the armed forces, the merchant ma-

## Army to Test Rocket Bombs

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).

—The Army will begin extensive experiments with guided missiles on May 8 when it will fire the first German V-2 rocket ever released in this country, the War Department announced tonight.

The rocket, which is expected to rise 100 miles and reach a top speed of 3,500 miles an hour, will be launched at the Ordnance Proving Grounds, White Sands, N. M., throughout the summer, other rockets will be fired at the rate of about one a week.

Army calculations show that the weapon will fall to earth 80 miles from the launching platform and still traveling 1,800 miles an hour. Safety precautions have been taken, however, and scientists witnessing the test will be closeted inside a reinforced blockhouse which could sustain a direct hit.

Army flights will attempt to follow the flight of the rocket into the stratosphere through its "moon radar" and other devices.

## Press Roundup

Except for the hysteria of Hearst's campaign against the "red menace" the Sunday editorials are rather subdued. There is an implied debate in the UNO editorials of the Times and Tribune.

THE TIMES argues that the Iranian issue is whether "a small nation" has the right to be heard in the Security Council.

Brushed aside is the fact that UNO instructed Iran and the Soviet Union to undertake bilateral negotiations; that such negotiations (not just a vodka party) took place; that an "understanding" was arrived at which lead to a tangible fact: the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

Also missing in the editorial is an answer to how a small nation like Greece can do anything when the troops NOT LEAVING her soil happen to be British.

THE TRIBUNE is intrigued by "The Mystery of Mr. Ala."

"One of the strangest aspects of the tangled Iranian dispute is the status of Ambassador Hussein Ala. By his own account, Mr. Ala has been invested with vast, almost sovereign, powers by the Iranian government—but the latter has supplied him with little information. It has contributed several rebukes, however. . . ."

After noting the discrepancies

between Iranian policy in Teheran and Iranian policy in the Bronx the editorial suggests:

"The one thing, in fact, which Mr. Ala does not appear to be is a well informed, authoritative representative of a sovereign state which has a grave complaint against another sovereign state . . . At present Iran is not being well served by its attorney."

THE MIRROR continues to discover the virtues of British Tories. Once vehemently anti-British,

the Hearst press likes the "British attitude" expounded by Churchill. Therefore a flattering piece on Sir Alexander Cadogan where the Mirror reporter tries to elicit such impartial information as "How has the Russian action impaired the UNO." Even Cadogan can't afford to go on record on that one.

THE NEWS advocates adoption of the Metric system.

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN continues to paraphrase its one-time contributor, Nuremberg defendant Rosenberg. American-British-Soviet soldiers ended Rosenberg's journalistic career. But Hearst carries on: Communists are Russian agents. The fight is un-American.

## Yugoslavia Passes Army Training Law

BELGRADE, March 31 (UP).—The Yugoslav Parliament last night passed a military service law requiring all men of more than 20 to serve two years in the army, three years in the air force or four years in the navy.

The law makes women subject to conscription for professional or technical military service in time of military preparedness or war. Previous exemptions for those supporting families were abolished.

## WHAT'S ON

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# Lange Says Poland Fights Anti-Semites

The Polish Government will make no compromise with those stirring up anti-Semitism because it will not compromise with fascist organizations or movements. Polish Ambassador Oscar Lange said at the Hotel Astor last night.

The Ambassador, who is a delegate to the UNO Security Council now meeting here, spoke at a dinner of the American Federation for Polish Jews. Other principal speaker was Dr. Joseph Tennenbaum, president of the American and World Federations for Polish Jews. Anti-Semitic "excesses" are being carried out by fascist underground organizations in Poland with the support of remnants of the former government-in-exile, Dr. Lange said, and "particularly by General Anders and his General Staff" in Italy.

## Clamp Down On 'Food Brokers'

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—The Federal Trade Commission tonight clamped down on interstate sales and purchases of food in which "unlawful brokerage" fees are being paid.

FTC issued 14 orders directing packers, distributors, and brokers to cease violating the brokerage section of the Robinson-Patman Act.

Seven orders were issued against sellers of food products who paid unlawful fees to buyers who purchased in their own names and for their own accounts to resell. These companies must stop the practice of paying anything as commission or brokerage on such purchases, FTC said. The respondent in New York is the American Agricultural Chemical Co.

## Ladies Lash Luckies; Aid Tobacco Strike

The Congress of American Women is asking its membership not to buy or smoke Pall Mall, Lucky Strike, or Herbert Tarriton cigarettes, according to a statement made public yesterday by Mrs. Elinor S. Gimbel, chairman. This action is being taken to support employees of the American Tobacco Company in Charleston, S. C., Trenton, and Philadelphia, who have been on strike for six months.

Mrs. Gimbel's said: "American women have a special and particular interest in the outcome of the American Tobacco Co. strike. Out of every ten tobacco workers on strike today, nine are women. They earn, in many cases, less than \$25 a week. Their demands for a 65 cent hourly minimum and equalization of wages between Northern and Southern plants are just."

## Admits Strangling

DETROIT, March 30 (UP).—Police said today Mrs. Muriel Wrightman, 23, had confessed strangling her 10-week-old niece last December "because she was prettier than my own baby."

## Hope for Dutch-Indonesia Pact

BATAVIA, March 31 (UP).—Acting Governor General Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, prior to departing for The Hague today, told correspondents he hoped Dutch and Indonesians soon would reach a basis of agreement. An Indonesian delegation will accompany Van Mook to Holland and will return to Batavia on April 20.

It was understood Indonesian Premier Sutan Sjahrir is insisting on recognition of a republic, while the Dutch are clinging to published proposals of a commonwealth.

## Plan to Block Merger in Berlin Fails

BERLIN, March 31 (UP).—Berlin Socialists in the capital's three western occupation zones today overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to merge with the Communist Party, but the results appeared inconclusive because the Russians at the last minute prohibited voting in their sector.

In the American, British and French zones Socialists, voted 16,363 to 2,444—or more than seven to one—against the merger, returns from 11 of 12 boroughs showed. But nearly half of the Socialists are in the Soviet sector and it appeared that the anti-merger faction had failed to gain the necessary city-wide majority of 32,000.

## Hearing Today on Attacker of 9-Year Girl

JOLIET, Ill., March 31 (UP).—A petition for a writ of habeas corpus was filed in Will County court yesterday on behalf of James F.

Lincoln, Jr., 30, confessed attacker of a nine-year-old girl.

The petition, which charges that Lincoln is being held in jail illegally, was filed by attorneys for Lincoln's father, wealthy Cleveland industrialist.

Judge James V. Bartely set a hearing for 2 p.m. Monday.

Lincoln has admitted assaulting nine-year-old Carol Williams with a hammer and rifle last March 20 when she resisted his advances.

Carol is in a critical condition at Silver Cross Hospital.

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## FROM THE PRESS BOX

The Jimcrow Blight  
In Sports—A Challenge

By C. E. Dexter

The sad spectacle of Jimcrow intolerance in the South overshadows interest in the coming baseball season, so far as I am concerned. Three times during the past week exhibition games of the Montreal Royals have been cancelled in Florida because Jackie Robinson and John Wright, Negroes, are members of the Canadian team.

This disgraceful contempt for the basic rules of sport, that every man should have an equal opportunity on the playing field, follows the similar Jimcrowing of star Negro athletes in the coming AAU games in Texas. It is a sharp reminder to those who believed that the breaking of the Jimcrow barrier in baseball would solve easily a problem which lies like a cancer in the vitals of American life.

Add to this the manner in which an official of the New York Athletic Club tried to halt a discussion by readers of True magazine in which two Negroes participated and the patent strength of white chauvinism in sports circles is clear.

Let's strip away the bandages from these running sores and see what lies beneath. In Florida, a local law prohibits Negroes from playing baseball on the same field as whites. In Texas, local custom segregates Negro track athletes, although among their number are several champion sprinters and jumpers. In New York, freedom of assemblage is arbitrarily denied to whites when Negroes are present by an organization which includes among its members many leading figures of the sports world as well as many non-sports figures prominent in business and social life.

What does this mean?

I recall a noted American basso of Jewish descent who sang in the Dresden Opera House for 15 years prior to the first World War. He boasted that he was the only Jew granted the privilege of appearing on the stage of that hallowed institution and that he had been admitted as an equal to the palace of the Grand Duke of Macklen-Strelitz.

I recall how Louis Rothschild begged French progressives to quiet their agitation against anti-Semitic measures in Germany in 1936. "Don't provoke Hitler to reprisals," was Rothschild's plea.

Anti-Negroism is as dangerous to American democracy as anti-Semitism was to French and German democracy. If Dresden lies today in ruins, if Rothschild was forced to flee Europe before the advance of Hitler, it was because the inner significance of corrosive anti-Semitism was not understood nor removed.

We are indignant because Robinson and Wright cannot play, because Negro track men cannot live in Texas on terms of equality with whites, because two Negroes were forced to speak in the dark at the New York A.C. But what about the white players on the Montreal team who could not also play in Jacksonville and Deland last week? What about Jewish members of the New York A.C.? Are there any? And, if so, are they forced also to speak in the dark? What about the white readers and editors of True—did they enjoy the crack of Simon Legree's whip about their heads?

Acceptance, by inaction, of Jimcrow laws does not only mean that Negroes are the sole sufferers. Jimcrow in sports circles is not purely an attempt to keep sports lily white. It is an open attempt to impose the theory of white superiority as a basis not for white superiority as such but to give preference to those who weakly consent to the status quo. All others, even those who, as in the case of the white Montreal players and the white readers of True, lose their rights as American citizens because they do not agree to support the defenders of the status quo in un-American activities. The question becomes therefore not special but general.

Aggressive counter-action is needed. Now that the truth about Jacksonville's local ordinance has become known, it should be fought . . . in the courts, if possible; if not by branding citizens of Jacksonville who acquiesce in this ordinance for what they, in truth, are—supporters of racism not different in quality from Hitlerism.

Texas who consider the great Negro track athletes as second-class citizens should be reminded that Americans who believe in fundamental democracy are outraged by their weakly accepted local customs. The AAU meet should be called off by popular demand until transferred to a democratic American city where all men are treated alike.

Those who are shocked by the New York Athletic Club's denial of the rights of free speech and assemblage to those who wish to sit in conference with their Negro fellow citizens should picket the New York A.C., refuse to attend or to compete in athletic events in which New York A.C. members participate.

It is not too late to undertake such actions. Too soon, however, it may be too late. The very dynamism of democracy has inspired its enemies to show their hand openly. Now that they have been exposed, they must be met on a new level, with firmness and determination.

## MAJOR LEAGUE MELTING POT

## Names in Sports

By WILLIAM TUCKER  
Sport Writer

The melting pot of people in America never found so much varied representation as in the names on the current major league rosters and the headline writers, the radio announcers and the punters are in for a heady summer.

You will find three-letter names and 16 letter ones; names which sprang originally from every part of Europe and the western hemisphere; names that come in triplets and even quintuplets; names that are almost but not quite like other names on the rollcall.

The Johnsons head the list; there are five of them and all pitchers—Rankin of the Athletics; Chef of the Browns, Earl of the Red Sox; John of the White Sox and Art of the Braves.

The Barrets are as populous as those on Wimpole Street—pitchers Charley (Red) of the Cardinals and Dick (Kewpie) of the Phillies and outfielder Johnny of the Pirates.

For those who like fine shading in spelling there are Chuck Stevens and Vernon Stephens of the Browns, not to mention Ed Stevens of the Brooklyn Dodgers. And here's a pair who threaten to spread mass laryngitis of the linotype—Felix Mackiewicz of Cleveland and Ed Mierkiewicz of Detroit, both outfielders. They will get polysyllabic support from such guys as Ted Scepkowski and Harry Buszkowski, both of Cleveland.

There are names representative of small business—a Carpenter; several Millers, a Baker, a Potter, a Brewer (plus a Brewer), a Coleman and a Plain Workman.

# Good Field, No Hit--Cincinnati Plagued by 2nd Division Specter

By LEO H. PETERSEN, United Press Sports Editor

As good as anyone behind the plate, at second and short and on the pitching mound.

That's Deacon Bill McKechnie's own size-up of his 1946 Cincinnati Reds. To complete the picture he hastens to add:

"But we haven't got any power."

The lack of batting punch probably will keep the Reds in the second division this season. Defensively, they stack up as a good team, but the hunt which McKechnie started for power-hitters after the pennant winning days of 1940 thus far has been futile.

As a result, he will have to sacrifice defensive brilliance in the hope of getting some long ball hitters in his lineup.

That sacrificing will start in the outfield. It used to be that Deacon Bill always was well set for gardeners except left field. He never did find an adequate man for that pasture. Now things have changed—he's looking for a right fielder as well as a left one. In center, he figures Mike McCormick, although a none too robust hitter, will do.

### LACKS POWER

In an effort to get some needed power, he probably will flank McCormick with Hank Sauer and Al Libke. They leave a lot to be desired in fielding finesse, but McKechnie hopes they will make up for that by hitting a long ball. Eric Tipton and Dain Clay are better fielders, but do not figure to do as

well at the plate.

Only two spots in the infield are set—reliable Eddie Miller at short, and so far as McKechnie is concerned the Cardinals can have Marty Marion, and little Lonnie Frey, back from the war, at second. Ed Shokes, a rookie, and Bert Haas are vying for the first base post and Grady Hatton, who promises to be one of the rookie finds of the season, probably will get the call over Ben Zientara at third. He has two other good looking rookies, Bobby Adams at second and Ted

Kluszewski, the University of Indiana football star at first, but both need some minor league seasoning.

McKechnie isn't worried about his pitching although Bucky Walters still has to prove that he has recovered from the army injury he suffered last season. But Johnny (double no-hit) Vander Meer is back from the service and he has a lot of promising youngsters to add such veterans as Ed Heusser, Clyde Shoun, Nate Andrews, Joe Beggs and Gene Thompson. Arnold Carter, Howard Fox, Ewell Blackwell, Bob Malloy, John Hetki and Frank Dasso are others who figure prominent in the Reds' 1946 pitching plans.

## Car in Garage 32 Years Is Sold

ATCHISON, Kan., March 31 (UP).—The Atchison Junior Chamber of Commerce bought at auction for \$200 a 1914 model Reo touring car which, until yesterday, hadn't been out of its garage in 32 years.

In a remarkable state of preservation, the shiny old automobile was sold to settle the estate of the late Robert E. Schmeling and his wife.

Bidding opened at \$100. Only opposition encountered by bidders for the Jaycees came from C. K. Connell, of Cameron, Mo., a hardware merchant who has 16 ancient

model cars in his hobby collection. The Atchison Junior Chamber announced it would dispose of its acquisition by selling tickets for a raffle.

A tree—10 inches in diameter—had to be cut down from before the garage door when mechanics prepared to take the Reo from the garage yesterday. The automobile was parked there after Schmeling refused to drive it any longer because it frightened a team of horses on a road near Weber, Kan., causing them to nearly kill a teamster.

## RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc. WVEB—1230 Kc.  
WEAF—590 Kc. WWSW—1130 Kc.  
WOR—710 Kc. WLIB—1190 Kc.  
WJZ—770 Kc. WEN—1200 Kc.  
WNYC—880 Kc. WOV—1230 Kc.  
WABC—890 Kc. WENT—1240 Kc.  
WINS—1010 Kc. WQXR—1450 Kc.

WJZ—Hop Harrigan  
WMCA—UNO Council Session  
5:00—WEAF—When a Girl Marries  
WOR—Uncle Don  
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates  
WABC—School of the Air  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Music  
5:15—WEAF—Fortis Faces Life  
WOR—Superman  
WJZ—Dick Tracy  
WMCA—Let's Listen to a Story  
WQXR—Books Lou Love Best  
5:30—WEAF—Just Plain Bill  
WOR—Captain Midnight  
WJZ—Jack Armstrong  
WABC—Cimarron Tavern, Sketch  
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs  
WQXR—On Wings of Song  
5:45—WEAF—Front-Pages Farrell  
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix  
WJZ—Zennaro, Joe, Sketch  
WABC—Sparrow and the Haw  
WQXR—Man About Town

### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00—WEAF—News Reports  
WOR—Easy Aces, Sketch  
WJZ—News; Kiernan's Corner  
WABC—Quincy Howe, News  
WMCA—News; Talk; Music  
WQXR—News; Music to Remember  
6:15—WEAF—Serenade to America  
WOR—Bob Hope, Interviews  
WJZ—Ethel and Albert  
WABC—Patti Clayton, Songs  
6:25—WQXR—News; Dinner Concert  
6:30—WOR—Fred Vandeventer  
WJZ—News; Sports Talk  
WABC—Gordon MacRae, Songs  
WMCA—Racing Results  
6:40—WEAF—Bill Stern, Sports  
6:45—WEAF—Lowell Thomas  
WOR—Stan Lomax, Sports  
WJZ—Here's Morgan  
WMCA—Recorded Music  
WABC—Robert Trout, News  
7:00—WEAF—Supper Club Variety  
WOR—Fulton Lewis Jr.  
WJZ—Headline Edition  
WABC—Lanny Ross Show  
WMCA—News; Jack Elgen  
WQXR—UNO Summary; Music  
7:15—WEAF—News of the World  
WOR—The Answer Man  
WJZ—Raymond Swing, News  
WABC—Jack Smith Show  
WMCA—Five Star Final  
WQXR—Alfredo Seville, Baritone  
7:30—WEAF—Mills Brothers, Songs  
WOR—Henry J. Taylor  
WJZ—Lone Ranger  
WABC—Bob Hawk Show  
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh  
WQXR—Treasury Music  
7:45—WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn  
WOR—Bill Brandt, Sports  
WABC—Sid Garry, Songs  
7:45—WHN—Johannes Steel  
8:00—WEAF—Cavalcade of America  
WOR—Bulldog Drummond  
WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner  
WABC—Vox Pop Interviews  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall  
8:15—WJZ—Reddy Hopper  
8:30—WEAF—Clayda Swarthout, Soprano  
WOR—Sheridan Holmes, Adventure  
WJZ—The Pat Man, Play  
WABC—Joan Davis Show  
WMCA—UNO Session  
8:45—WABC—Bill Henry, News

### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00—WEAF—James Melton, Tenor  
WOR—Gabriel Heatter  
WJZ—I Deal in Crime, Play  
WABC—Radio Theater  
WMCA—News; Amateur Hour  
WQXR—World-Wide News Review

9:05—WAAT (970 Kc)—"Labor Views the News," Sponsored by UE-CIO  
9:15—WOR—Real Life Stories  
WQXR—Great Names  
7:30—WEAF—Information Please  
WOR—Lombardo Orchestra  
WJZ—Forever Tops  
WQXR—Recorded Rarities  
9:55—WJZ—Chester Morrison, stories  
10:00—WEAF—Katelyn Knight, Soprano; Phil Brito, Baritone; Herman Chittison Trio  
WOR—Peacetime Value of Fighting Spirit—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower  
WJZ—Bill Thompson Show  
WABC—Screen Guild Play  
WMCA—News; Background for Peace  
WQXR—News; Opera Favorites  
10:15—WOR—Boxing: Billie Fox vs. Oasle Harris, at Pittsburgh  
10:30—WEAF—Doctor I. Q. Quiz  
WJZ—Question for America  
WABC—Lefty, Play  
WMCA—Frank Kingdom, Comment  
WQXR—String Music  
10:45—WMCA—UNO This Week—Clark M. Michelberger  
11:00—WEAF—WOR—News; Music  
WJZ, WABC—News; Music  
WMCA—News; Music  
WQXR—News; Music  
11:15—WABC—In My Opinion  
11:30—WEAF—Eileen Farrell, Soprano  
12:00—WEAF, WJZ—News; Music  
WABC—News; Dance Music  
WMCA—News; Music  
WQXR—News Reports

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## 'FILMS TO ORDER' OFFER BROAD POSSIBILITIES

By SAMUEL SILLEN

(Second of a Series)

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.

THE untapped possibilities of the film medium for trade union and political education were vividly demonstrated at an informal screening here the other day. I visited a small, independent company, United Productions of America, which produced *Hell-Bent for Election*, widely used in the Roosevelt campaign of 1944.

It is something of a relief to move from the studio empire to a young outfit with new ideas and fresh techniques. After touring the lots, watching the Ann Sheridans and Gary Coopers doing dozens of retakes on scenes you have watched dozens of times on the screen, it is good to relax before films that rip the hide off Jimcrow and instruct shop stewards how to deal with grievances.



United Productions does all its films on order, as David Hilberman, one of the executives, explained to me. It has done films for the Chamber of Commerce as well as for the United Automobile Workers. Nobody, I was pleased to find, tried to sell me the idea that this was a "strictly philanthropic" venture.

But it does offer a practical way for labor and progressive organizations to develop their own film programs, as the UAW demonstrated with *Hell-Bent for Election* and other films.

United Productions turns out a cartoon strip film which runs for about 12 minutes. You can really do wonders with this sound comic strip in color. For instance, a new FEPC film, *The Man in the Cage*, shows in very simple and satirical terms the insane folly of racism. Shortly to be released is a film based on *Races of Mankind*. It's called *Brotherhood of Man*, and is really something to cheer about both as a technical and political job.

The firm has enlisted some of the best of Walt Disney's people, who broke with him during the celebrated strike some time ago. Their art has a freedom and wit that couldn't find expression in the animal-strip stuff that everybody seems to like but the kiddies, who are wise by nature. Applying their talent to labor and political themes, the UPA people are creating a new educational entertainment form.

The animated strips require very simple operation, and the cost per individual print is modest—\$10.25. Organization by union and progressive groups would make possible the setting up of rental film libraries, which would further spread the cost. Selling 200 prints at \$15 or \$20 would pay for the cost of the film, Mr. Hilberman claims.

With a progressive group of film workers heading the project, this would seem to be a good bet for breaking through the monopolistic production mechanism, at least via animated strips, a form that is developing new and exciting techniques.

During the war, United Productions did a lot of work for the Army, Navy and U. S. Office of Education, which found the sound strips highly valuable educational aids. Today the United Auto Workers is the only big union utilizing this medium.

PROGRESSIVE film writers here take an active part in the filming of such features as *The Man in the Cage* and *Brotherhood of Man*. To a thoughtful writer, as you can easily believe, it makes something of a difference whether he is doing a film sponsored by MGM or by the UAW and an FEPC committee.

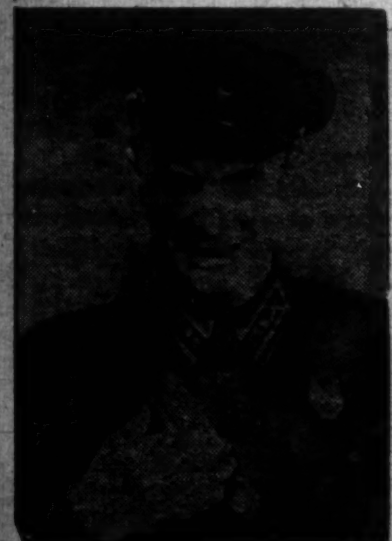
Hence, there is general enthusiasm here for the signs of the times, which point to a more alert interest on the part of labor and the progressive movement in independent film production and distribution. Nobody underestimates the practical difficulties, but the old feeling that truly independent films are either "unnecessary" or "impossible" is changing.

As one studio worker put it: "This is not only the time to build an independent theater movement, but to move toward new forms of independent film-making." Labor has to begin to take these words to heart.

United Productions of America offers one mechanism through which workers can order films instead of having to take whatever the big studios dish out. And the more ordering the workers and the people generally do, the more this industry will have to sit up and take notice that this is not a nation of 12-year-olds and what Darryl Zanuck calls "commercial pushovers."

### 'La Traviata' At the Irving

The movie version of Verdi's *La Traviata* is now playing at the Irving Place Theatre, together with the English comedy *Jeannie* with Michael Redgrave.



Eugene Samoilov, star of the Soviet film "Six P. M." which starts an engagement at the Apollo 42 St. Theatre on Thursday, April 4.

### Russian Relief Concert April 6

A gala concert will be given under the auspices of the Bronx Division and Jewish Council for Russian Relief on Saturday, April 6, 8:30 p.m., in the Community Center Theatre, 270 W. 89 St., Manhattan.

The program will feature a Russian balalaika orchestra under the direction of A. Kutin; the Chernishevsky Russian Folk Dance Group under the direction of Alex Karaczun; Felix and Lilyan Groveman, baritone and mezzo soprano, and Pete Seeger, ballad singer.

Proceeds from the concert will purchase vitally needed medical supplies to re-equip Soviet hospitals destroyed during the Nazi occupation.

### Fourth Year For 'Oklahoma!'

Oklahoma!, the Theatre Guild's hit musical, begins its fourth year on Broadway at the St. James Theatre on Monday night, April 1. The evening will also mark Oklahoma's 1,300th performance, a milestone never equalled by any musical on Broadway, with the exception of *Helzapoppin* (which achieved the score of 1,404).

## 'The Bulwark' True Dreiser: Unerring American Portrait

THE BULWARK by Theodore Dreiser, published by Doubleday and Co., 337 pages \$2.75.

Reviewed by ARNOLD SROOG

The Dreiser method has always been to seize a segment of American life, tear it open pitilessly and lay it bare for all to see.

In his last published work—although there is much evidence that the work was begun as early as 30 years ago—Dreiser sets before us the Quakers of the Philadelphia area.

The *Bulwark* is Dreiser—with all the greatness and some of the crudities.

The story, as in all his novels, is a simple one. Solon Barnes, central figure of the tale, is a devout and earnest young Quaker. He marries wealth and believes that his lovely wife and the money that falls to him are God's reward for his virtue.

They have five children and after the story has run its course the money has lost its glitter and the children have all gone their way—none the Quaker way. Solon dies a sadder and wiser—but still devout—man.

Dreiser in this book grapples with the religious way of life according to Quaker doctrine. He counterposes the precepts of this way of life against the forces at work in modern capitalist America. In the long prologue-like opening section Dreiser gives us Solon, steeped as he is in Quaker doctrine of simplicity and opposition to the accumulation of wealth.

### AMERICA IN GRIP OF MONEY FEVER

The story unfolds at the turn of the century, when all America was in the grip of a money fever, when money was the king and the rights and dignity of man all but forgotten. Solon enters the banking business as a result of his marriage and he adjusts his doctrine in this one respect—but this one only.

The impact of the capitalist mode of life—with its false and inhuman system of values—attacks first the unity of Solon's family. One by one Solon's children reject their father's doctrines, each in his own way—one in search of love, one for social success, one for financial success, one for art and one for sex and good times.

The suicide of his youngest son brings Solon to face with reality. He resigns from the bank and castigates his fellow directors. The comment of one of the directors is a Dreiser gem:

"The only trouble with his (Solon's) principles is that they're too high for these days..." (p. 265).

The Quaker values and virtues emerge defeated from their conflict with modern capitalist society. Solon dies at peace with himself but without having achieved any solution to his dilemma. Those children who returned to share his defeat in his late days—those disappointed in their grasp for life—achieve no permanent solution.

### LIFE THE LOSER IN THIS STRUGGLE

The book closes with the words of Emma, youngest daughter and fourth child, who more than any other character in the novel sought a constructive and sound way out of the swamp. Here are her words: "Oh, I am not crying for my-

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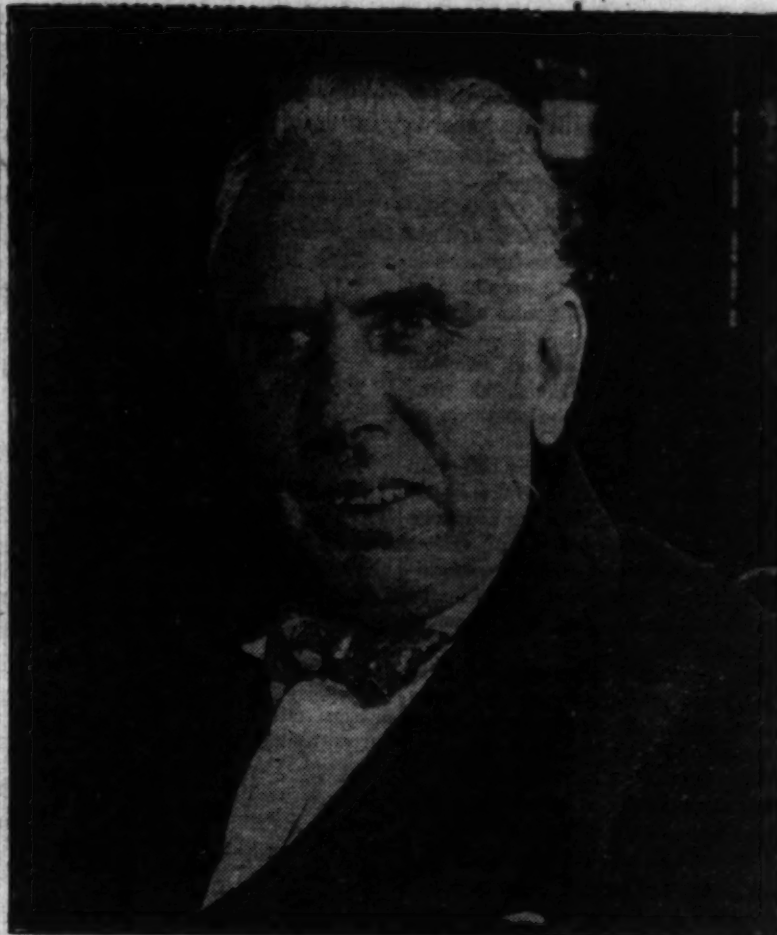
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THEODORE DREISER

self, or for father—I am crying for LIFE." (Dreiser's emphasis).

Life was the loser in this struggle—for neither side could nurture it.

Dreiser hints at his own solution to the dilemma in citing the work of an early American radical and Quaker, John Woolman. He recalls Woolman's belief in the brotherhood of man regardless of creed and indicates his acceptance of this morality.

Some critics who have already judged *The Bulwark* believe that it is a poor work; others find in it

unexpected charm and greater ease in style than is customary with Dreiser.

The fact is that this novel, because of its different subject matter, may not have the broad appeal of his earlier work. But it is true Dreiser, an unerring portrait of a section of the American scene.

One more thing must be said. Dreiser's wonderful and deep insight into people marks this novel as it does all his others. His great sympathy and real understanding of people stand alone in the works of American writers. *The Bulwark* is no exception.

## New Masses Improvements

Joseph North, editor-in-chief of the weekly magazine *New Masses*, has issued a call for a conference to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m. at the Paramount Restaurant, 138 W. 43 St. Invitations have been sent to trade unions, cultural and political organizations, as well as many individuals, to discuss how the magazine can more completely reflect, editorially, the cultural needs of the American people. The call states:

"We (the *New Masses*) are glad to announce that very important improvements will be made in our magazine. We need your full help and participation to make the new magazine do the best job for your organization."

*New Masses* is to become known as the crusading cultural political magazine—meaning culture in the

broad sense of the life of the people.

"Fiction and philosophy, poetry and politics, criticism and cartoons, education and exposes, science and psychiatry—all are to be linked up with the life of the American people," will be featured in the new *New Masses*.

The conference will present the new members of the editorial board of *New Masses*, namely: Richard O. Boyer, Howard Fast, Herbert Aptheker, Lloyd Brown, Albert E. Kahn and James S. Allen.

### Nina Tarasova's Carnegie Concert

Nina Tarasova, noted interpreter of Russian folk songs will give a concert at Carnegie Hall, Friday, April 12.

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# British Put Over Fake Greek Poll

## 50% OF VOTERS BOYCOTT ELECTION IN VAST PROTEST

A reactionary Greek government backed by British bayonets was assured yesterday, as practically half the Greek people boycotted a nationwide poll for deputies to a new parliament amid sporadic violence.

The British Foreign Office had insisted on the elections, against the opposition of all the democratic parties and at least 12 members of the Themistocles Sophoulis cabinet. United Press reported at least half the electorate stayed away in the Athens and Piraeus, as proposed by the EAM, the coalition of democratic forces.

But having gotten the election they wanted—based on fake registration lists and rampant fascist terror—the British Foreign Office smugly announced that the Anglo-French-American commission superintending the poll would make its report on April 10.

The London statement said that "judgment of whether these elections were fair and free can be reached only after reports from all over Greece," which held out a faint hope that the Allied Commission itself would recognize the obvious unfairness of the election.

### HALF THE NATION ABSENT

(Two days ago, one of the American observers, Dr. Jerzy Nelman of Stanford University, California resigned in protest when he found 38 faked registra-

tions out of 38 potential voters in one district of Athens alone).

With anywhere from 30-50 percent of the electorate abstaining, the Rightist parties had their field day, as the British desired.

The charged atmosphere created by foreign bayonets in Greece resulted in one serious clash at Litochoron, in northern Greece where eight gendarmes were killed, two were wounded and eight were missing after EAM supporters set fire to a police station in protest.

According to the ministry of security, the EAM supporters attacked the station with machine-guns and small arms.

Elsewhere, however, British and Indian troops stood guard as brow-beaten citizens or Rightist supporters came to the polls.

United Press reported its own check of polling places in Athens which showed that in one district only 127 out of 759 registered voters had cast their ballots in the first two hours.

This would indicate that in addition to the EAM supporters who refused to register, many of those who did, were not eager to vote under present conditions.

### Washington This Week

## Food Boost Rider Perils Pay Measure

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The Senate Monday faces the problems of what to do with the 65-cent minimum wage bill now that the coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats have hamstringed it with a rider.

As reported by committee, the bill would raise the floor under wages from 40 to 65 cents an hour. The coalition headed by Senators Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) and Joseph Ball (R-Minn.) has been driving for amendments to hold the increase down to 50 to 55 cents. Suddenly, they added a new trick and pressed for the Pace amendment.

This amendment actually refers to agricultural prices and not to minimum wages. It provides that farm labor costs must be included by the government in fixing parity prices on agricultural commodities.

Supporters of the amendment claimed they acted in the interest of the farmers, but the Pace measure has been exposed and denounced both by President James Patton of the Farmers Union and Secretary of Agriculture Anderson. Chester Bowles, director of economic stabilization, said it would raise food prices 15 percent and cost of living six percent.

### DRAFT EXTENSION

Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) has appealed to the

House Military Affairs Committee to rush work on the bill to extend the draft so that Congress may act on it by Easter.

### PRICE CONTROL

The House Banking and Currency Committee concluded hearings Saturday on HR 5270, to extend price control another year, with testimony from Chester Bowles.

The committee will vote this week in closed session but it is expected that Chairman Brent Spence (D-Ky.) a firm supporter of price control, will carry the group with him. The fight will then move to the floor where a formal coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats have sworn to defeat it.

### HOUSING

The Senate is expected to start consideration of the Patman bill and veterans emergency housing this week. The Banking and Currency Committee which concluded its hearings Friday will decide Monday or Tuesday whether or not to replace the premium payments and ceilings on existing houses which the reactionary coalition deleted before the House passed the bill.

### POLL TAX

The campaign for Senate action on HR 7, the House-adopted bill to end poll tax in national elections, began last week with a news conference held by Senators Pepper, Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.) and James Mead (D-NY). They said they will bring the bill to the floor in several weeks.

### CASE BILL

The anti-labor Case bill which passed the House in February underwent some surgery in the Senate Labor Committee. Most of its bad features were eliminated. However at the last minute Republicans and Southern Democrats threw the Hobbs anti-labor bill into it as a rider. The entire thing must now be fought, the CIO has declared.

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## Parliamentary Steal of FEPC Funds to Force Closing April 29

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 31.—As a result of a parliamentary trick depriving it of its remaining \$30,000, FEPC will be forced to close its doors April 29, instead of June 30, it was learned here today. The staff, formerly several hundred and now numbering less than 30, will leave with Malcolm Ross, FEPC administrator.

The action by which FEPC funds were stricken from the second deficiency appropriation bill was not voted on by the House.

In reading the appropriation measure, the clerk came to the line: Committee on Fair Employment Practice: Salaries and expenses, \$30,000. Rep. Tom Pickett

(D-Tex.) raised the point of order that there was no legislative authority for the existence of FEPC, and called for it to be stricken out.

Chairman Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.), of the Committee on Appropriations, agreed to "concede the point of order," and FEPC was killed.

Actually, parliamentarians here say the point of order was not correct. Congress passed in June, 1945, Public Law 106, which provided for pay raises to employees of all government agencies. The \$30,000 was the amount required by FEPC to complete its work-through June 30 on the basis of the higher pay scales. Therefore, it was fully covered by legislation.

## CIO, Farmers Rip OPA Retreat

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 31.—OPA's steady retreat on the price control front and its piecemeal surrender to pressure from the big trusts were sharply assailed here over the week-end by the CIO and the National Farmers Union.

CIO President Philip Murray said he was alarmed "at the speed with which OPA is removing price ceilings and thus putting an end to price control."

### CIO PERTURBED

In a statement delivered to Chester Bowles, director of economic stabilization, by a CIO delegation, Murray said his organization regarded OPA's actions as "premature and ill-considered. The result is an unnecessary, avoidable increase in the cost of living."

He added that the CIO is also perturbed by "the frequency and generosity with which increases are being made in the commodities which are vitally important to the American consumer. We can find no reason for many of the increases except the pressure of selfish lobby groups."

Murray assailed the excuse OPA has been giving for price increases—that of the 18½ cent wage increase pattern. "The evidence is quite clear that most if not all of these wage increases would have been absorbed out of industry profits. Not only has such absorption not been required, but the price increases . . . exceeded the cost of the wage increases."

### INSISTS ON CEILINGS

Murray demanded that price ceilings be restored on items from which they have been removed and retained until it is "absolutely clear" that increases will not follow their removal.

Meanwhile, president James G. Patton of the National Farmers Union wired Bowles and Price Administrator Paul Porter protesting against the reported intention of OPA to lift ceilings on a wide range of farm equipment and tools.

"Coming on the heels of the increases in costs already involved in retreats on steel and textiles," said Patton, "such an order would constitute gross imposition on farmers."

He blasted the "piecemeal surrenders that have been going on in price control" and warned they endangered the whole anti-inflation program.

### Exhibition Baseball Results

At Daytona Beach, Fla: (Game called end sixth account high winds).	
Washington (A)	031 000—4 8 1
Brooklyn (N) "A" Team	104 60x—11 9 1
Masterson, Scarborough (4), and Evans; Head, Casey (6), and Sandlock.	
At Savannah, Ga.:	
New York (A) "B" Team	000 050 000—5 8 1
Brooklyn (N) "B" Team	000 102 000—3 7 2
Derose, Ardizola (8), and Robinson; Nothe, Laga (7), and Franks.	
At St. Petersburg, Fla. (10 innings):	
Cleveland (A)	010 000 010 0—2 6 1
St. Louis (N)	000 000 200 1—3 10 1
Feller, Johnson (8), and Hayes, Lollar (10); Beasley, Surkont (6), Donnelly (8), Burkhardt (10), and Rice Wilber (6), Burmeister (8).	
At Miami Beach, Fla.:	
New York (N) "B" Team vs. Philadelphia (N) "B" Team, cancelled, rain.	
At Miami, Fla.	
New York (N) vs. Philadelphia (N), cancelled, rain.	

### India "Untouchables" Assail Gandhi

BOMBAY, March 31 (UP).—Mohandas Gandhi's plan to spend a night in a Harijan—a hut owned by a member of the "untouchable" caste—set off a demonstration today by hundreds of protesting untouchable millworkers in a Bombay suburb.

The protesting untouchables paraded through Worli and then held a mass meeting at which ringleaders spoke against Gandhi and the Congress Party.

### Chinese Army Paper Hits Yalta Pact

NANKING, March 31 (UP).—The National Salvation Daily, known to be close to the Supreme Chinese Army Headquarters, today published an editorial calling for immediate cancellation of the Yalta agreement and last August's treaty between China and the USSR.

The editorial accused the Soviet Union of blocking Kuomintang efforts to take over Manchuria and "conspiring with rebels to obstruct government troops."

## Wire Truman to Disarm German Police; Flay Murder of DP's

The disarming of German police and the abolition of displaced persons' camps in American occupied Germany were demanded yesterday in a wire to President Truman.

Also demanded was the punishment of AMG officials responsible for the murder and mistreatment of Polish Jews by the German police at Stuttgart. The wire was sent by Max Steinberg, secretary of the Trade Union Committee for Jewish Unity.

"We protest the killing and wounding of Jewish displaced persons at Stuttgart Camp in the American zone in Germany," Steinberg wired. "This murderous act, perpetrated by Hitlerite police armed and directed by the Stuttgart Military Government, is a continuation of Nazism under American protection."

"Jewish concentration camp victims were not rescued by our fighting men, among them thousands of Jewish soldiers, only to

be left to the mercies of Nazis directed by the Allied Military Government. We demand disarming of German police, punishment of Nazi murderers and AMG officials, and abolition of camps for displaced Jews."

Steinberg said that after Captain Bond of the AMG had given German police permission to enter the displaced persons' camp at Stuttgart in order to investigate possible black market operations, the police invaded the camp with guns and police dogs, murdered one occupant, beat and wounded others, and robbed homes.

A program of action to gain wide support for the committee's demands will get under way April 10 at a shop conference to combat anti-Semitism. The conference, to be held at 7 p. m. at the Irving Plaza, will plan a national campaign to protest continued murder of Jewish in American occupied Germany.

### Start Medical Aid Drive for USSR

A campaign to ship \$8,000,000 worth of relief supplies to the Soviet Union will be launched today (Monday) by the Greater New York Committee for Russian Relief. It was announced yesterday by Newbold Morris, committee chairman.

The funds will be used to re-equip the First Central Medical Institute of Moscow; send equipment to help manufacture limbs for an estimated million military and civilian amputees, and ship general medical supplies requested by Soviet medical authorities.